

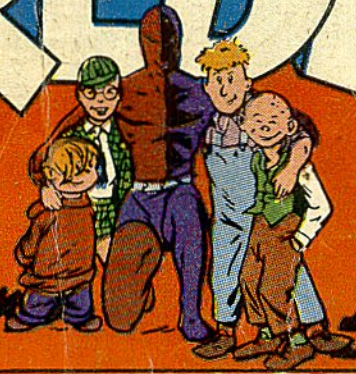
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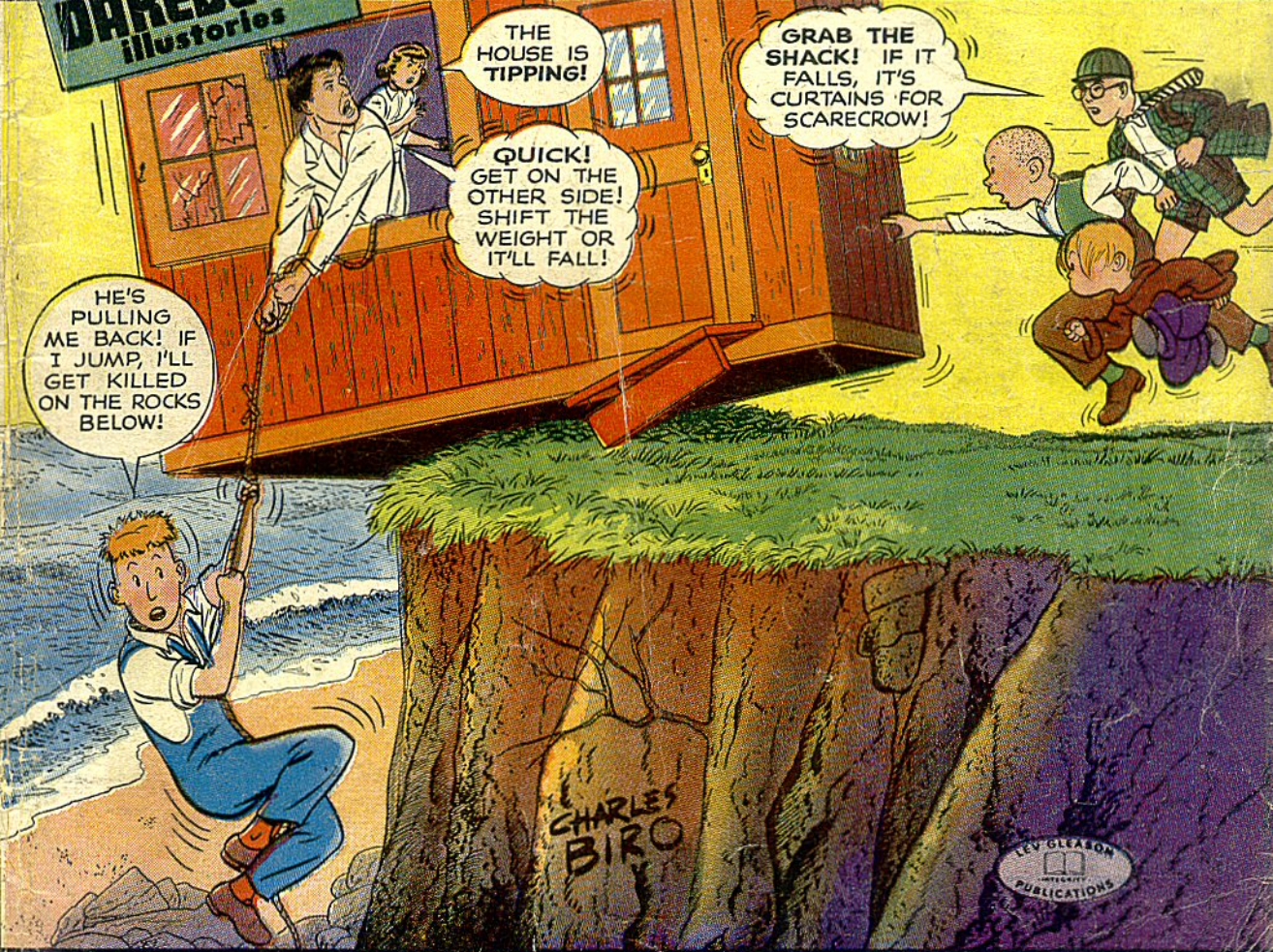
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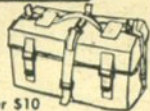


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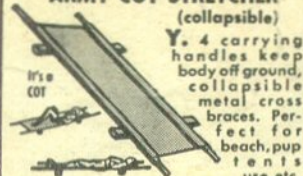
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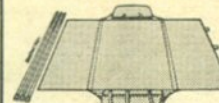
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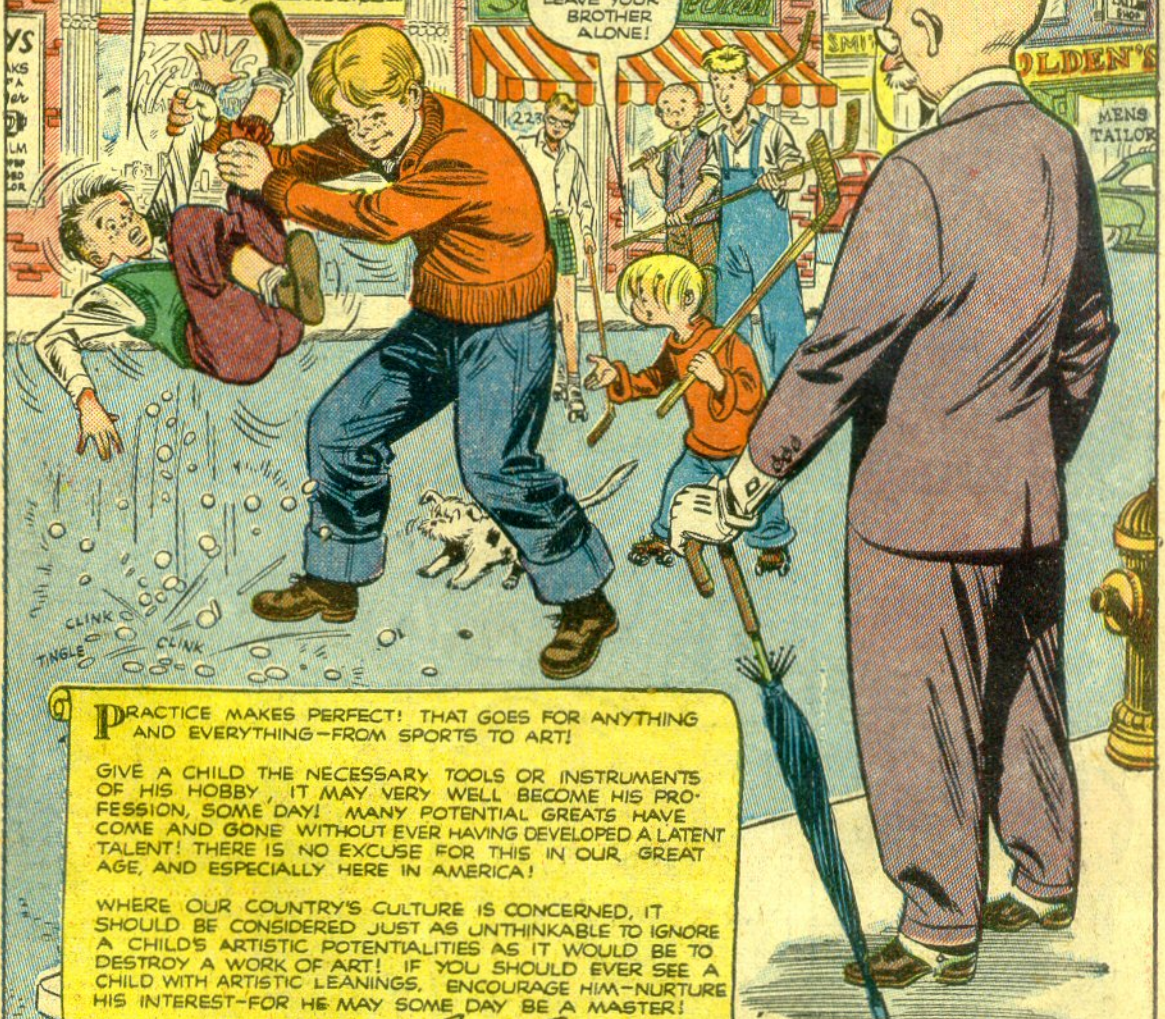
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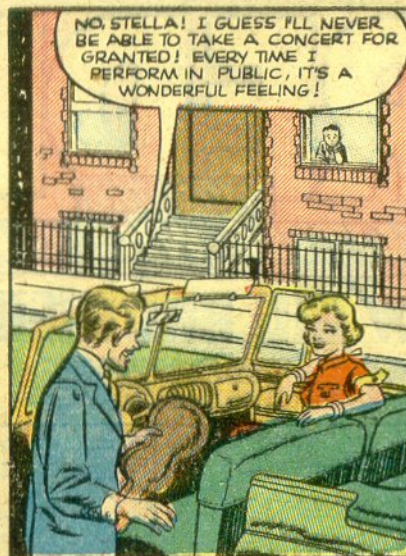
GIVE A CHILD THE NECESSARY TOOLS OR INSTRUMENTS OF HIS HOBBY, IT MAY VERY WELL BECOME HIS PROFESSION, SOME DAY! MANY POTENTIAL GREATS HAVE COME AND GONE WITHOUT EVER HAVING DEVELOPED A LATENT TALENT! THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR THIS IN OUR GREAT AGE, AND ESPECIALLY HERE IN AMERICA!

WHERE OUR COUNTRY'S CULTURE IS CONCERNED, IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED JUST AS UNTHINKABLE TO IGNORE A CHILD'S ARTISTIC POTENTIALITIES AS IT WOULD BE TO DESTROY A WORK OF ART! IF YOU SHOULD EVER SEE A CHILD WITH ARTISTIC LEANINGS, ENCOURAGE HIM—NURTURE HIS INTEREST—FOR HE MAY SOME DAY BE A MASTER!

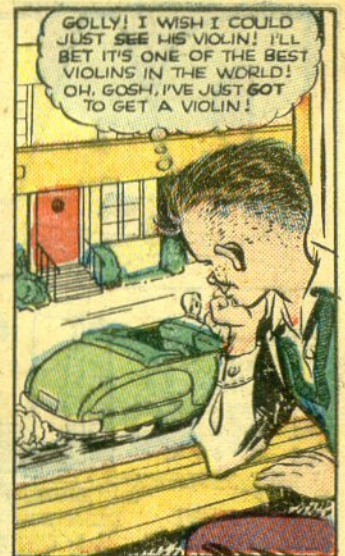
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ALL READY FOR YOUR CONCERT, PAUL? YOUR AGENT SAYS IT IS A COMPLETE SELL-OUT! **STANDING ROOM ONLY!** ARE YOU EXCITED OR ARE YOU SO USED TO PLAYING RECITALS THAT YOU TAKE THEM FOR GRANTED NOW?



NO, STELLA! I GUESS I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TAKE A CONCERT FOR GRANTED! EVERY TIME I PERFORM IN PUBLIC, IT'S A WONDERFUL FEELING!



GOLLY! I WISH I COULD JUST SEE HIS VIOLIN! I'LL BET IT'S ONE OF THE BEST VIOLINS IN THE WORLD! OH, GOSH, I'VE JUST GOT TO GET A VIOLIN!



WHATEVER DID YOU SEE OUT THERE, JOHNNY? YOU WERE SO ABSORBED — YOU DIDN'T EVEN HEAR ME SPEAK TO YOU!

I WAS JUST WATCHING THE VIOLINIST DOWN THE STREET DRIVE OFF! GEE! I WISH I KNEW HIM! MAYBE IF I DID, HE'D LET ME WATCH HIM PRACTICE!



HI, MOM! WHERE'S MY HOCKEY STICK? I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR IT! I PROMISED THE WISE GUYS I'D PLAY SOME ROLLER HOCKEY WITH THEM, IF MY WORN OLD SKATES HOLD OUT!

LOOK IN THE HALL CLOSET, JERRY! I THINK I SAW IT THERE!



LOOK AT IT! YOU DID THIS, JOHNNY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

AW, I WAS JUST TRYING TO MAKE A VIOLIN BOW OUT OF IT!



VIOLIN BOW! OF ALL THE DOPEY...

HEY! NO! DON'T CUT IT!



NOW YOU'VE RUINED IT! THIS WAS REAL CAT GUT!

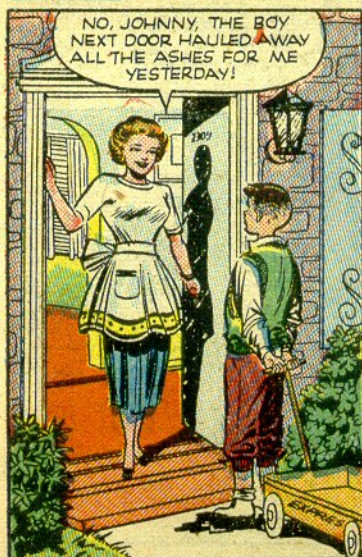
MAYBE THAT'LL TEACH YOU TO LEAVE MY THINGS ALONE! SUCH A DOPEY IDEA! SO LONG, MOM! I'LL BE BACK BEFORE DARK!

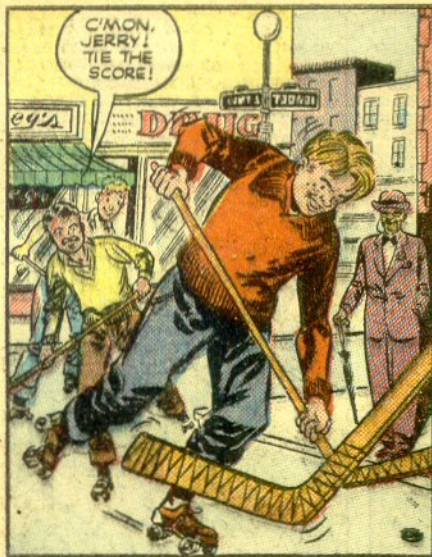


LATER...

GOLLY, MOM, MY BANK'S ALMOST FULL EXCEPT FOR A FEW COINS! CAN'T I OPEN IT NOW?

NO, JOHNNY! YOU WAIT UNTIL IT'S FULL! THAT'S THE RIGHT WAY TO SAVE!





C'MON, JERRY! TIE THE SCORE!



AW, HECK! OF ALL THE CRUMMY LUCK!



DOGGONE! I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN! I GUESS THAT FINISHES THE GAME AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED!

WHAT ABOUT THE ROLLER SKATING PARTY TONIGHT, JERRY? DOES THIS MEAN YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GO?



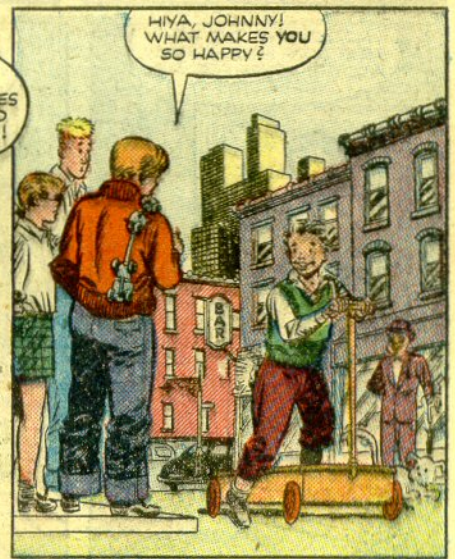
I DON'T SEE HOW! AND THE WORST OF IT IS THAT I INVITED BETTY TO GO WITH ME! I DON'T S'POSE I COULD BORROW ENOUGH FOR A NEW PAIR OF SKATES FROM YOU, SCARECROW?

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! ALL I'VE GOT IS FORTY-FIVE CENTS!

I'M SORRY—I ONLY HAVE A DOLLAR!

I'VE GOT THIRTY-FIVE CENTS TO LAST ME ALL WEEK!

HEY, JERRY, HERE COMES YOUR KID BROTHER!



HIYA, JOHNNY! WHAT MAKES YOU SO HAPPY?

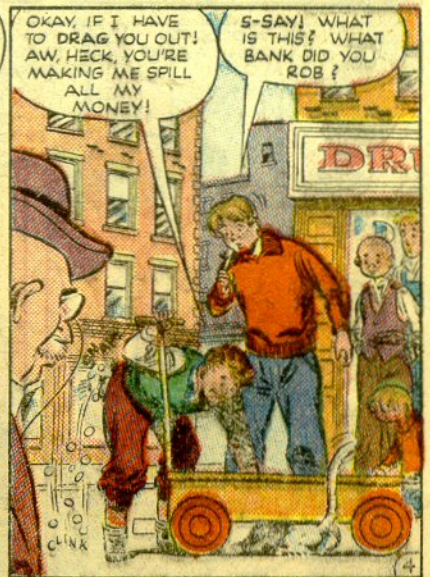


OH, I JUST FEEL GOOD! SAY! YOU BUSTED YOUR SKATE! GOSH, THAT'S TOO BAD! CAN IT BE FIXED?

NAW! THEY'RE TOO WORN! WHERE ARE YOU HEADING FOR? YOU ACT AS IF YOU HAD SOMETHIN' SPECIAL ON YOUR MIND!



OH, BOY, I HAVE! I'M GOING TO BUY MYSELF A VIOLIN! HEY! STUBBY, GET OUT FROM UNDER THERE! C'MON, FELLA, WE CAN'T WASTE TIME!



OKAY, IF I HAVE TO DRAG YOU OUT! AW, HECK, YOU'RE MAKING ME SPILL ALL MY MONEY!

S-SAY! WHAT IS THIS? WHAT BANK DID YOU ROB?



HEY! PUT ME DOWN! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? C'MON, QUIT IT—I'M LOSING ALL MY MONEY!

YOU CERTAINLY ARE! TALK ABOUT LUCK!



YOU CAN'T HAVE IT! IT'S MINE! I SAVED IT! I WANT TO BUY A VIOLIN!

OH, HUSH UP, JOHNNY! I JUST WANT TO BORROW IT! I'LL PAY YOU BACK LATER! I NEED NEW SKATES RIGHT AWAY! BESIDES, SPENDING ALL THIS ON A VIOLIN WOULD BE CRAZY!



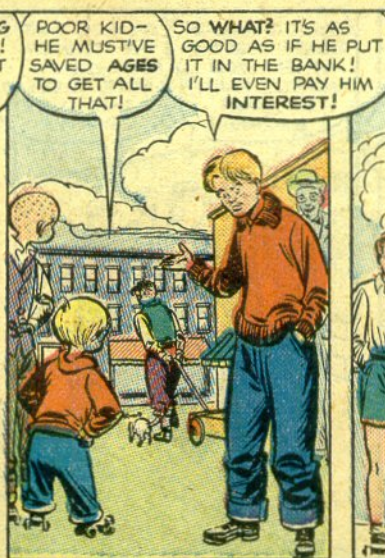
IT'S MY MONEY! I'M GOING HOME AND TELL MOTHER!

GO AHEAD, CRY-BABY! YOU OUGHT TO BE GLAD TO HELP ME WHEN I NEED MONEY! THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR A KID LIKE YOU TO HAVE, ANYWAY!



GEE, JERRY—THAT'S NOT FAIR! IT'S HIS MONEY!

I'M JUST BORROWING IT! I'LL PAY IT BACK! BY THEN HE'LL BE GLAD I KEPT HIM FROM SPENDING IT FOOLISHLY!



POOR KID—HE MUST'VE SAVED AGES TO GET ALL THAT!

SO WHAT? IT'S AS GOOD AS IF HE PUT IT IN THE BANK! I'LL EVEN PAY HIM INTEREST!



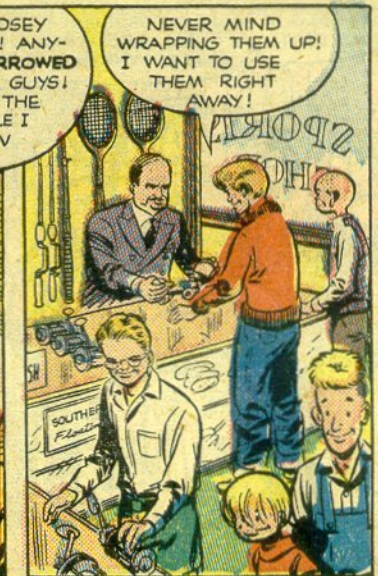
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT TO JOHNNY!

HUH? SAY, WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY? AND HOW DID YOU KNOW HIS NAME IS JOHNNY?



I KNOW A LOT OF THINGS, JERRY! FOR INSTANCE, I KNOW YOU WON'T ENJOY THAT MONEY IF YOU SPEND IT!

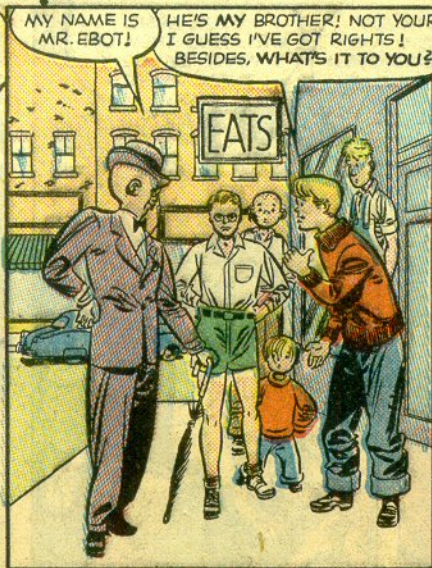
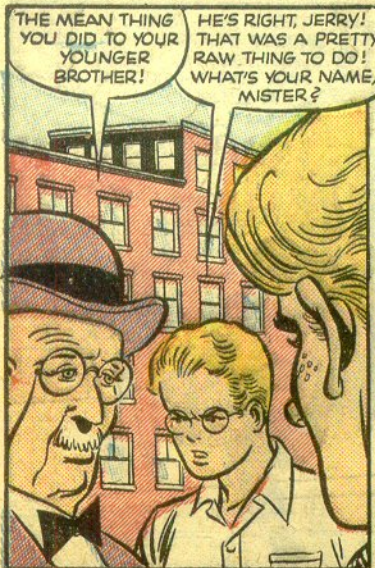
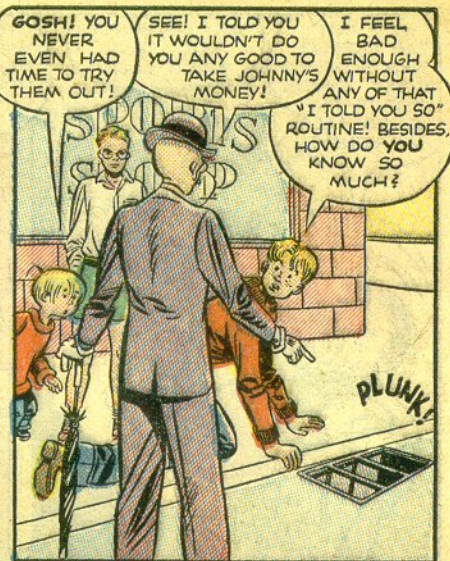
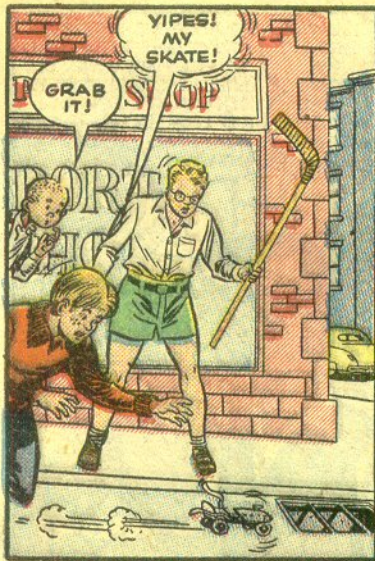
YOU'RE JUST A NOSEY OLD BUSY-BODY! ANYHOW, I JUST BORROWED IT! C'MON, WISE GUYS! LET'S GO UP TO THE SPORTS SHOP WHILE I BUY SOME NEW SKATES!



NEVER MIND WRAPPING THEM UP! I WANT TO USE THEM RIGHT AWAY!



THESE ARE REALLY SNAZZY SKATES! I'VE BEEN WISHING FOR A PAIR LIKE THESE FOR A LONG TIME!



IT'S USELESS FOR ME TO TELL YOU THE "UNLESS; UNTIL YOU KNOW THE "WHAT FOR;" WHAT YOU DID WAS VERY SELFISH! YOU WERE ONLY THINKING ABOUT YOUR OWN HAPPINESS!

A GREAT MAN ONCE SAID, "I SHALL PASS THROUGH THIS WORLD BUT ONCE, IF, THEREFORE, THERE BE ANY KINDNESS I CAN SHOW, AND GOOD THING I CAN DO, LET ME DO IT NOW! LET ME NOT DEFER IT NOR NEGLECT IT, FOR I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN!"

THAT IS A CREED WORTHY OF ANYONE! YOU WERE FAR FROM THAT CREED, JERRY, WHEN YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF YOUR BROTHER!

WHY DO YOU KEEP HARPING ON THAT? IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER TO JOHNNY SO MUCH! I'LL PAY HIM BACK!



YOU THINK IT'S JUST A LITTLE THING, BUT I CAN PROVE YOU'RE WRONG! I CAN LET YOU GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE! NEITHER YOU NOR JOHNNY KNOW WHAT YOU DID! TODAY WILL CHANGE THE COURSE OF YOUR LIVES! LET ME TELL YOU...



LET'S BEGIN WITH JOHNNY! RIGHT AT THIS MINUTE, HE'S ALONE IN HIS ROOM—CRYING!



IT'S NO USE TELLING MOM! SHE'S GOT ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT! I'LL JUST HAVE TO START SAVING ALL OVER AGAIN!



GEE, ALL I'VE EARNED THIS WEEK IS SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS! WILL I EVER GET THAT VIOLIN?



YOU PLAN TO PAY JOHNNY BACK, JERRY! YOU EVEN GET A PART-TIME JOB AFTER SCHOOL, BUT WHEN YOU GET PAID...



HERE YOU ARE, JERRY! THREE-FIFTY—AND I CAN USE YOU AGAIN NEXT WEEK!

OHH, JERRY! YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE ME TO THE DANCE AT SCHOOL TOMORROW NIGHT, AREN'T YOU?



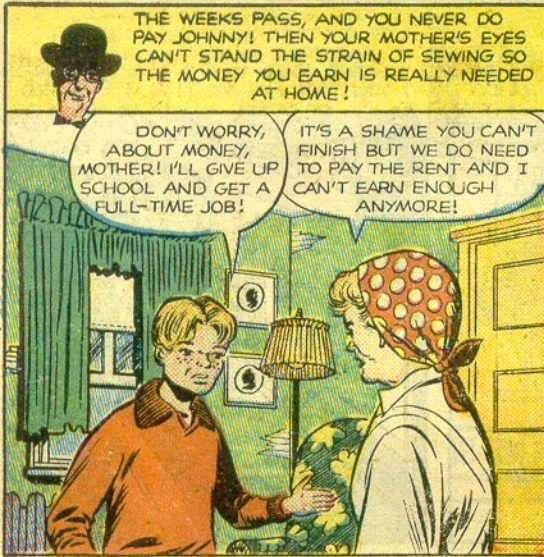
HECK, I'VE SPENT SO MUCH OF THE THREE-FIFTY ALREADY THAT THERE'S NO POINT IN SAVING THE REST TO GIVE TO JOHNNY! I'LL START PAYING HIM BACK NEXT WEEK!

HOW ABOUT HAMBURGERS AFTER THE DANCE, JILL?

THE WEEKS PASS, AND YOU NEVER DO PAY JOHNNY! THEN YOUR MOTHER'S EYES CAN'T STAND THE STRAIN OF SEWING SO THE MONEY YOU EARN IS REALLY NEEDED AT HOME!

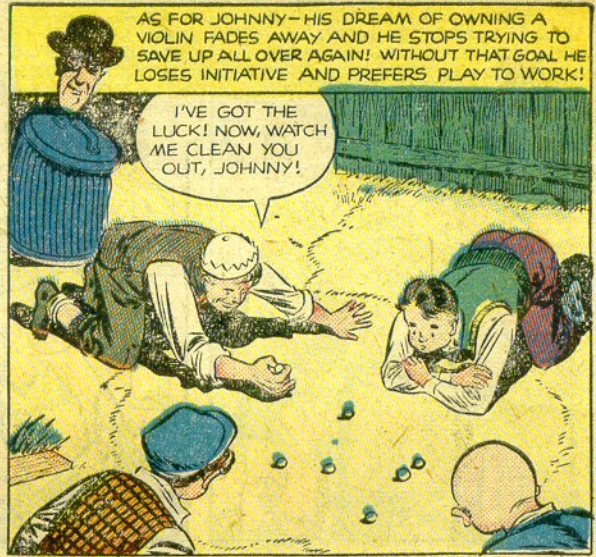
DON'T WORRY, ABOUT MONEY, MOTHER! I'LL GIVE UP SCHOOL AND GET A FULL-TIME JOB!

IT'S A SHAME YOU CAN'T FINISH BUT WE DO NEED TO PAY THE RENT AND I CAN'T EARN ENOUGH ANYMORE!



AS FOR JOHNNY—HIS DREAM OF OWNING A VIOLIN FADES AWAY AND HE STOPS TRYING TO SAVE UP ALL OVER AGAIN! WITHOUT THAT GOAL HE LOSES INITIATIVE AND PREFERS PLAY TO WORK!

I'VE GOT THE LUCK! NOW, WATCH ME CLEAN YOU OUT, JOHNNY!



EIGHT YEARS GO BY! YOU HAVE A STEADY JOB AS A SODA-JERKER BUT CAN'T EARN ENOUGH THAT WAY TO HAVE SPENDING MONEY, SO YOU WORK NIGHTS DRIVING A BAKERY TRUCK! IT'S A HARD LIFE AND YOU HAVEN'T MUCH TIME FOR FUN!

JOHNNY, I'VE SUPPORTED YOU AND MOM SINGLE-HANDED LONG ENOUGH! YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH NOW TO GO OUT AND GET A JOB AND HELP, TOO!

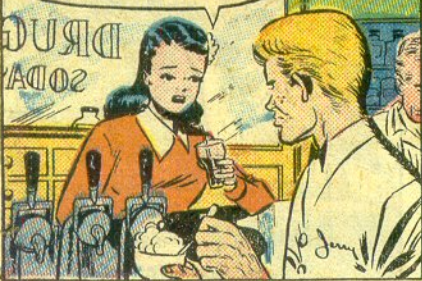
UH-HUH! OKAY, I'LL TRY AND FIND SOMETHING— BUT WHAT? WHAT DO I KNOW HOW TO DO?

TAKE ANY JOB! LEARN BY DOING IT! THAT'S WHAT I HAD TO DO! THERE ARE LOTS OF JOBS THAT DON'T REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL EXPERIENCE!

WELL—I'LL GO OUT TOMORROW AND LOOK AROUND!

GEE, JERRY, I'D LIKE TO BE YOUR STEADY DATE BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS SO BUSY! YOU ONLY HAVE TWO FREE NIGHTS A WEEK! AND THE OTHER BOYS ASK ME OUT! I HATE JUST SITTING HOME!

OKAY, HONEY! I UNDERSTAND! ONLY IF I DON'T WORK, I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE YOU OUT!



JOHNNY GETS SEVERAL DIFFERENT JOBS AND LOSES THEM AFTER A SHORT TIME! FINALLY HE GETS A JOB IN A GARAGE AS A GREASE MONKEY—

IF YOU'D PAY MORE ATTENTION TO YOUR WORK AND LESS TO THAT CLASSICAL JUNK YOU'D BE A BETTER MECHANIC! YOU'RE THE CLUMSIEST, MOST USELESS GUY I'VE GOT AROUND HERE! I'M FED UP!

THERE! FROM NOW ON YOU WORK WITHOUT MUSIC!

MY RADIO!

SHUT THAT THING OFF! IT'S GETTING ON MY NERVES! I CAN'T STAND THAT SCREECHY VIOLIN MUSIC! IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS!

WHY, THAT'S BEAUTIFUL MUSIC!





THERE! NOBODY SMASHES MY RADIO AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!



YOU'RE FIRED! AND CLEAR OUT OF HERE NOW BEFORE I MURDER YOU!



WHAT BRINGS YOU HOME SO EARLY? I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON THE FOUR-TO-TWELVE SHIFT AT THE GARAGE!

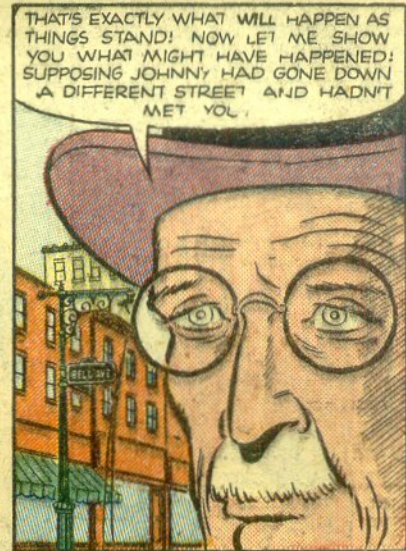
I WAS... BUT I WAS FIRED!



FIRED, AGAIN? THAT'S THE THIRD JOB YOU'VE LOST THIS MONTH! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A NO-GOOD BUM!



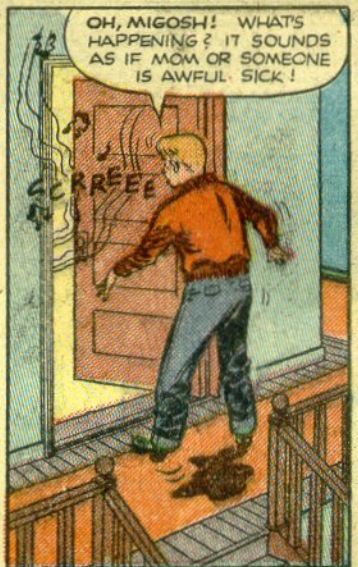
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BUM? I'D NEVER CALL MY LITTLE BROTHER A BUM! HE'S A SWELL LITTLE GUY! THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN TO HIM!



THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WILL HAPPEN AS THINGS STAND! NOW LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED! SUPPOSING JOHNNY HAD GONE DOWN A DIFFERENT STREET AND HADN'T MET YOU.



I'LL TAKE THIS ONE, MR WUNER— AND HERE'S MY MONEY!



OH, MIGOSH! WHAT'S HAPPENING? IT SOUNDS AS IF MOM OR SOMEONE IS AWFUL SICK!



HOLY CATS! SO THAT'S WHAT I HEARD! I THOUGHT SOMEONE WAS BEING MURDERED IN HERE! OUCH! STOP, BEFORE YOU RUIN MY EARS!

NO, JERRY! DON'T TEASE JOHNNY! IT TAKES TIME TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY!

I TELL YOU, ELAINE, HE'S DRIVING ME OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME WITH THAT SQUEEING! HE'S BEEN AT IT FOR OVER A MONTH!

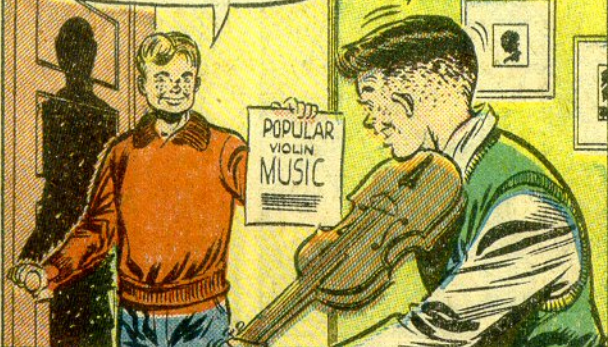
AND HE'S IMPROVING EVERY DAY! ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN AS MUCH AS JOHNNY DOES, IS BOUND TO SUCCEED!



THE WEEKS PASS BY AND FINALLY JOHNNY CAN PLAY TUNES! YOU STILL TEASE HIM, BUT SECRETLY YOU FEEL PROUD OF YOUR LITTLE BROTHER! YOU EVEN SPEND SOME OF YOUR MONEY ON HIM!

HERE, KID! LET'S SEE YOU PLAY THIS MUSIC IF YOU'RE SO GOOD! AT LEAST IT'LL BE A CHANGE FROM THOSE SAME OLD PRACTICE TUNES!

GOSH! OH, GOSH, JERRY! YOU BOUGHT ME SOME MORE MUSIC!



HEY, JERRY, YOU KNOW THAT MUSIC CONTEST I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT ALL MONTH—THE ONE HELD IN HIGH SCHOOLS ALL OVER THE STATE? WELL, I WON FIRST PLACE IN OUR SCHOOL AND SO I'M AMONG THE FINALISTS TO TRY FOR A STATE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP!

WILL YOU COME TO THE CITY AUDITORIUM TO HEAR ME PLAY NEXT FRIDAY? I'LL FEEL LESS SCARED IF I THINK YOU'RE IN THE AUDIENCE! I HAVE THREE PASSES—ONE FOR YOU, ONE FOR MOM AND MAYBE YOU'D LIKE ONE FOR YOUR DATE!

MY DATE WILL PROBABLY RIB ME FOR TAKING HER TO A CONCERT, BUT OKAY, I'LL BE THERE, JOHNNY!

CONGRATULATIONS FOR HAVING WON FIRST PLACE IN THIS STATEWIDE MUSIC CONTEST! I AM PROUD TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS FOUR-YEAR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP! YOU SHOW EXTRAORDINARY TALENT!



THAT'S MY BROTHER! THAT'S JOHNNY!

JERRY, I KNOW THESE LAST FOUR YEARS HAVE BEEN HARD ON YOU! I'VE BEEN SO BUSY STUDYING I HAVEN'T HAD MUCH TIME TO HELP! BUT THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DIFFERENT NOW!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, JOHNNY?

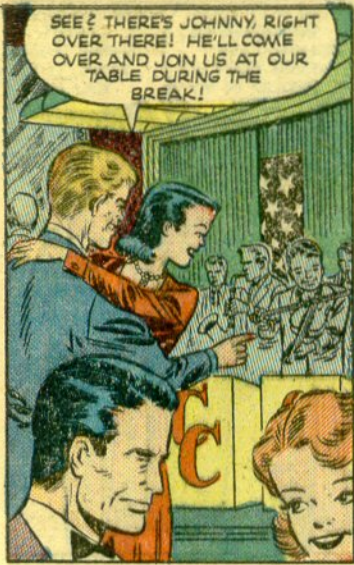
LOOK AT THIS! A CONTRACT TO PLAY IN CARL CONOVER'S ORCHESTRA! ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO START!

BROTHER! YOU MEAN THE CARL CONOVER'S BAND? YOU MEAN YOU'LL BE PLAYING IN THE RAINBOW ROOM?

UHUH! AND HERE ARE A COUPLE OF PASSES FOR YOU! THEY'RE GOOD FOR A RINGSIDE TABLE AND A MEAL! ANYTIME YOU WANT MORE, JUST LET ME KNOW!

OH, BOY! I MUST BE DREAMING! WILL ELAINE BE SURPRISED WHEN I TAKE HER THERE!





SEE? THERE'S JOHNNY, RIGHT OVER THERE! HE'LL COME OVER AND JOIN US AT OUR TABLE DURING THE BREAK!



LOOK, JERRY! CARL CONOVER'S TURNING OVER HIS BATON TO YOUR BROTHER! HE'S GOING TO LEAD THE ORCHESTRA IN HIS NUMBER! HE MUST BE A TERRIFIC MUSICIAN TO RATE THAT! YOU MUST BE TERRIBLY PROUD OF HIM!



I'VE ONLY GOT A SECOND! LOOK! HOW'D YOU LIKE TO COME TO A MID-NIGHT SUPPER OVER AT THE PLAZA A LITTLE LATER ON? MRS. DELACY INVITED ME AND SAID TO BRING ANYONE ALONG IN MY PARTY!

MRS. DELACY! WHY ISN'T SHE ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT SOCIETY WOMEN IN THE COUNTRY?



YES, AND SHE'S EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN MUSIC! SHE'S ENDOWED A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MUSIC! AND SHE FREQUENTLY SPONSORS YOUNG MUSICIANS! SHE'S ANXIOUS FOR ME TO MEET JAN KOWALSKY, THE GREAT MUSIC IMPRESSARIO!



IF SHE WANTS JOHNNY TO MEET JAN KOWALSKY, THAT MUST MEAN SHE'S HOPING HE'LL MANAGE JOHNNY AND PUT HIM ON THE CONCERT STAGE! OH, WOULDN'T THAT BE WONDERFUL! KOWALSKY HAS AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION! HE ONLY HANDLES TOP MUSICIANS!

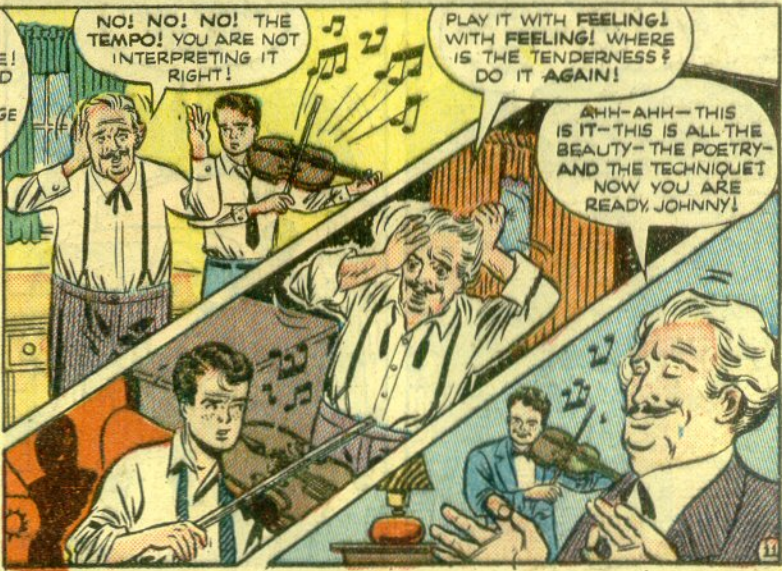


LOOK! KOWALSKY'S TALKING TO JOHNNY NOW! I WONDER WHAT HE'S SAYING?



THE CONCERT STAGE IS HARD WORK, YOUNG MAN! LONG HOURS OF PRACTICE, CONSTANT STUDY! BUT I FEEL THAT YOU HAVE THE GENIUS! WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HAVING ME DIRECT YOUR CAREER? I WILL BE A HARD MAN TO PLEASE!

THERE'S NOTHING I WANT MORE! I'VE DREAMED OF THE CONCERT STAGE ALL MY LIFE!



NO! NO! NO! THE TEMPO! YOU ARE NOT INTERPRETING IT RIGHT!

PLAY IT WITH FEELING! WITH FEELING! WHERE IS THE TENDERNESS? DO IT AGAIN!

AHH-AHH—THIS IS IT—THIS IS ALL THE BEAUTY—THE POETRY—AND THE TECHNIQUE! NOW YOU ARE READY, JOHNNY!

THIS JOHN TREVOR IS A FIND—THE GREATEST PROTEGE KOWALSKY HAS EVER PRODUCED! WHAT A PLEASURE IT WILL BE TO WRITE THIS REVIEW!

HIS TECHNIQUE AND INTERPRETATION ARE FLAWLESS! I'VE NEVER HEARD SUCH MUSIC—AND TO THINK IT'S HIS FIRST CONCERT!



BRAVO BRAVO
CLAP BRAVO CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP



OH, YOU WERE WONDERFUL, JOHNNY! I'VE NEVER BEEN SO PROUD IN MY LIFE!

FOUR ENCORES! I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D EVER LET YOU GO!



KOWALSKY HAS ME BOOKED FOR A LONG CONCERT TOUR—SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, DALLAS, ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO—PRACTICALLY EVERY CITY ACROSS THE COUNTRY! I HAVE TO LEAVE NEXT WEEK!

OH, THAT'S WONDERFUL, SON! YOU WRITE AND KEEP US POSTED ON EVERY CONCERT!



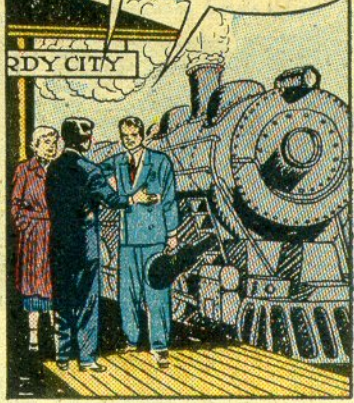
WRITE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU'RE COMING ALONG! I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU BOTH!

WHAT! DO YOU MEAN YOU'LL TAKE US WITH YOU?



ARE YOU SURE YOU REALLY WANT US ALONG, JOHNNY? IT'S A BIG EXPENSE...

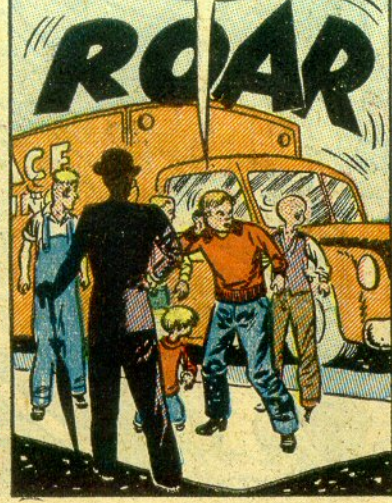
OF COURSE! I NEED YOU AS MY MANAGER! YOU AN' MOTHER ARE PART OF MY CAREER! I WOULDN'T HAVE SUCCEEDED WITHOUT YOU!



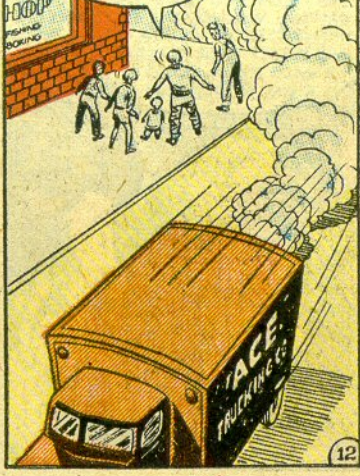
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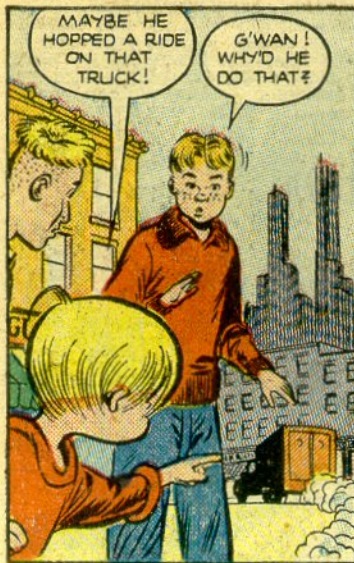


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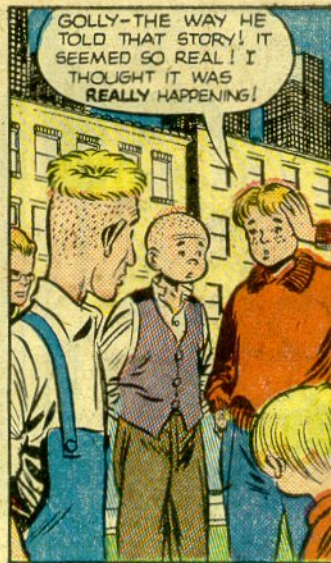
OH, DARN THAT NOISY TRUCK! HEY! HEY! MR. EBOT, WHERE ARE YOU?



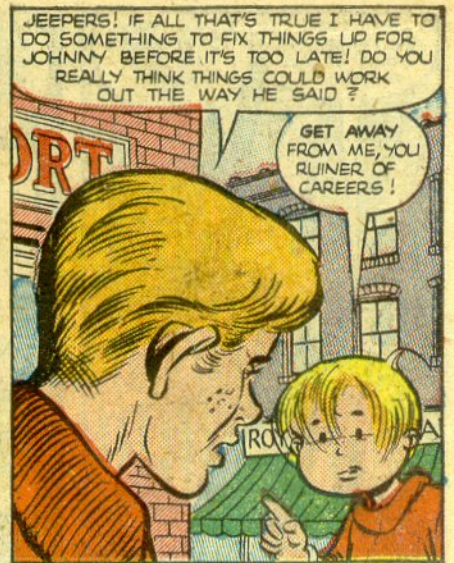


MAYBE HE HOPPED A RIDE ON THAT TRUCK!

G'WAN! WHY'D HE DO THAT?



GOLLY-THE WAY HE TOLD THAT STORY! IT SEEMED SO REAL! I THOUGHT IT WAS REALLY HAPPENING!



JEEPERS! IF ALL THAT'S TRUE I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO FIX THINGS UP FOR JOHNNY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! DO YOU REALLY THINK THINGS COULD WORK OUT THE WAY HE SAID?

GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU RUINER OF CAREERS!



HEY! HAVE A HEART, PEE WEE! HOW WAS I TO KNOW BORROWING THAT MONEY COULD MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN THE FUTURE?

POOR JOHNNY! IMAGINE BEING GYPPED OUT OF A SWELL CAREER! AND IT'S TOO LATE TO FIX THINGS NOW! MR. EBOT SAID SO!



NO! I DON'T THINK SO! REMEMBER HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT, "NOTHING-UNLESS" AND THEN HE SAID THERE WAS NO USE EXPLAINING THE "UNLESS" TILL YOU UNDERSTAND THE "WHAT FOR"! NOW YOU UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES SO...

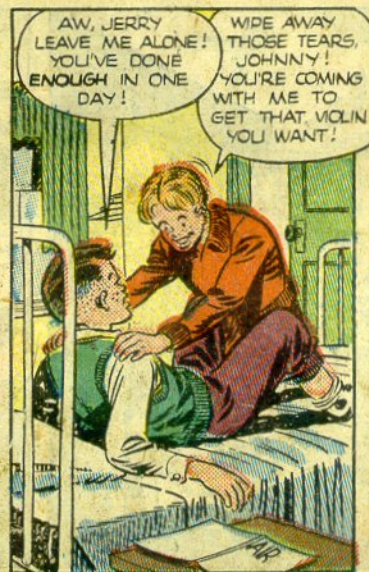


...SO I STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO FIX THINGS UP SO THAT JOHNNY DOES GET THE VIOLIN! IF HE STILL GETS IT TODAY, EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT! EXCUSE ME, WISE GUYS! I'VE GOT TO GET MONEY FOR JOHNNY'S VIOLIN!



THAT MR. EBOT CERTAINLY COULD SPIN A YARN! HE HAD ME RIGHT ALONG WITH HIM!

AND THE WAY HE DISAPPEARED! NO REAL PERSON COULD DISAPPEAR LIKE THAT! YOU-GOSH-DO YOU BELIEVE IN SPOOKS?



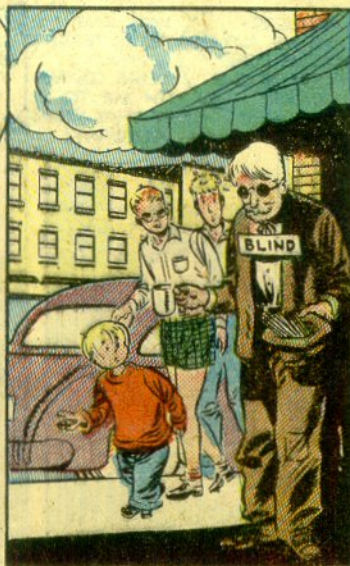
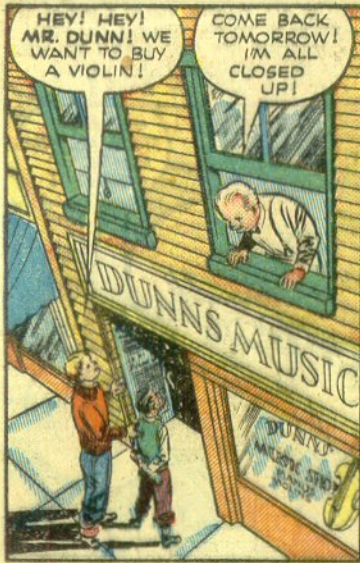
AW, JERRY LEAVE ME ALONE! YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH IN ONE DAY!

WIDE AWAY THOSE TEARS, JOHNNY! YOU'RE COMING WITH ME TO GET THAT VIOLIN YOU WANT!



(PUFF-PUFF-) JEEPERS, JERRY, LISTEN TO ME! IT'S TOO LATE! IT'S AFTER FIVE! THE STORE IS CLOSED!

THEN THEY'LL HAVE TO OPEN IT! YOU'VE GOT TO GET A VIOLIN TODAY!



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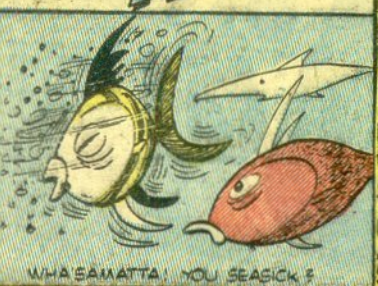
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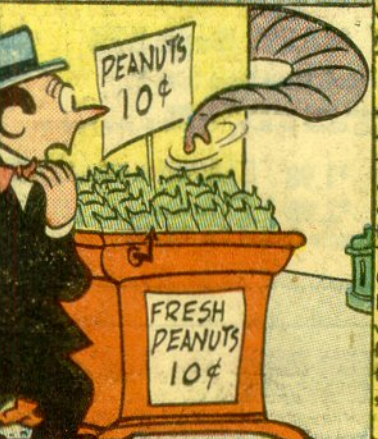
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Georgia

DO you know where Georgia is? No sir, this Georgia is not SOUTH of South Carolina, but is located in the southern tip of Russia in Europe. Its exact location is in the Caucasian Mountains, on the eastern shore of the Black Sea, and west of Azerbaijan.

The history of Georgia dates back long before Christ, for it has been estimated that people lived in this area 4,000 to 5,000 years ago. Although temporarily conquered and overrun at different times by the Arabs, the Turks, the Mongols, and the Persians, Georgia has lived through the ages and has been an independent kingdom for more than 2,000 years. It was in 1802, that Georgia lost its independence and was absorbed into the Russian Empire by Alexander the Great. This happened because at that time, Georgia was divided up into domains ruled over by princes. These princes often fought among themselves and the Queen, who recently married a Russian prince, looked to Alexander to restore order. Alexander did restore order and annexed Georgia to Russia. In October, 1917, when the Russian Empire fell, Georgia again declared its independence by forming the Republic of Georgia. In 1922, Georgia together with its sister republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan formed the Transcaucasian Federation of Soviet Republics. The republics were later absorbed in the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialistic Republics) each with its own autonomous government.

The stamps of the Republic of Georgia like those of Azerbaijan, were printed on paper similar to that used in the making of this comic book. These stamps were crudely printed and very few of them actually were used on letters. There is a story that just before Georgia joined the Transcaucasian Federation, officials of the Republic who were going to lose their jobs, fled the country with the plates of these stamps and sold them to stamp dealers in Europe.

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SNIFFER

SNIFFER MUST BE OUT OF HIS HEAD! IMAGINE CONFESSING TO A CRIME BEFORE HE'S CAUGHT!

YEAH, JUST SEND US UP TO STATE PEN! NO USE WASTIN' TIME!



HERE'S YOUR RELEASE, LEFTY! NOW YOU'RE A FREE MAN! I HOPE YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON AND GO STRAIGHT FROM NOW ON!

AW, WARDEN, COULDN'T I STAY FOR JUST A COUPLA WEEKS MORE? THIS IS A HECK OF A TIME TO LET ME GO!

YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT THE BASEBALL GAME WITH CITY PRISON NEXT WEEK, AREN'T YOU? IT'S TRUE, WITH YOU OFF THE TEAM, WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE, BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED!

HOW'S ABOUT IF I STARTED A RIOT IN MY CELL BLOCK? THEN YOU COULD CANCEL ALL MY GOOD BEHAVIOR TIME AND...

IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT NOW, LEFTY! YOUR PAPERS HAVE ALL BEEN PASSED OFFICIALLY! ANYHOW, EVEN WITH YOU ON THE TEAM, OUR CHANCES HAVE BEEN BAD! WE STILL NEED A GOOD CATCHER AND A FIRST BASEMAN!

GEE! THIS'LL BE THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS THAT STATE PEN TAKES A LICKIN' FROM CITY PRISON!

I FEEL WORSE THAN YOU, LEFTY! IF WE LOSE, WARDEN O'DUFF OF CITY PRISON, WILL NEVER LET ME FORGET IT! HE'S BET ME \$100 THAT HIS TEAM WILL WIN BY TEN RUNS!

IMAGINE THEM BUMS BEATING US! I GOTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

STATE PEN





AN ALIBI? LIKE WHAT?

THAT IS EASY! WHEN YOU PULL TH' JOB YOU FIX IT SO TH' COPS CAN FIGURE TH' EXACT TIME YA DID IT!



MEANTIME, ME AN' MY PALS WILL GET OUR PICTURES TAKEN SOME PLACE IN TOWN AWAY FROM WHERE YOU'RE DOIN' TH' JOB AN' IN TH' BACK-GROUND WE'LL SHOW TH' TIME SO WE CAN PROVE WE WERENT AROUND TH' SCENE OF TH' CRIME!

SAAY, THAT'S PRETTY SMART THINKIN', SNIFFER!



OKAY! IT'S A DEAL! WE'LL STICKUP TH' FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT MIDNIGHT! HOW WILL THAT SUIT YA?

POIFECT! I'LL GET LADY-KILLER TO TAKE PICTURES OF ME AN' MY PALS OVER IN TH' WEST END OF TOWN AT EXACTLY TWELVE!



NOW FER GOSH SAKES, BE CAREFUL AN' DON'T GET CAUGHT! MAKE A CLEAN GETAWAY SO WE CAN TAKE TH' BLAME!

DON'T WORRY, SNIFFER!



HA! HA! HA! THAT DUMB OX, SNIFFER! FER YEARS I'VE BEEN TRYIN' TO TAKE OVER HIS TERRITORY AND HE OUTSMARTED ME... BUT THIS TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT! ONCE HE GETS SENT UP TO STATE PEN, I'LL SEE THAT HE STAYS THERE FER GOOD! WHAT A DOPE HE IS TO TRUST ME!



EVERYTHING'S ALL FIXED SKULLY! KILLER MGGREW IS DOIN' ME TH' FAVOR OF STICKIN' UP A BANK SO WE CAN CONFESS TO PULLIN' TH' JOB AN' GO TO STATE PEN!

WHAT?! ARE YOU CRAZY? I WOULDN'T TRUST THAT NO-GOOD..



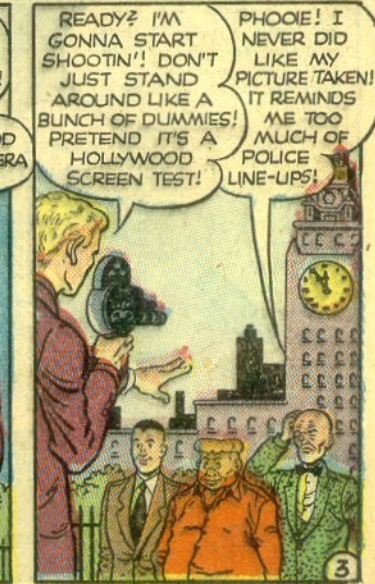
COOL OFF! WE'RE GONNA HAVE A POSITIVE ALIBI SO WE CAN GET RELEASED TH' MINUTE TH' GAME IS OVER! TELL LADY-KILLER TO BRING HIS CAMERA OVER TONIGHT! I'LL NEED HIM TO TAKE PICTURES OF US!

WHY BOTHER? TH' COPS WILL BE TAKIN' PICTURES OF US IN TH' LINE-UP!



OKAY, HERE WE ARE! IT'S FIVE OF TWELVE! START TAKIN' PICTURES, LADY-KILLER, AN' BE SURE YOU GET TH' CITY HALL CLOCK IN EVERY SHOT! THAT'S GONNA BE OUR ALIBI!

WHAT A WAY TO WASTE A GOOD LOAD OF FILM! I GOT THIS CAMERA TO TAKE SHOTS OF GLORIOUS DAMES!



READY? I'M GONNA START SHOOTIN'! DON'T JUST STAND AROUND LIKE A BUNCH OF DUMMIES! PRETEND IT'S A HOLLYWOOD SCREEN TEST!

PHOOIE! I NEVER DID LIKE MY PICTURE TAKEN! IT REMINDS ME TOO MUCH OF POLICE LINE-UPS!

MEANWHILE, IN THE OTHER END OF TOWN!

YA GOT ALL TH' MONEY? THEN GET READY TO SCRAM! I PROMISED SNIFFER I'D SET OFF TH' BURGLAR ALARM AT TWELVE!



R-RING!!

TH' CRAZIEST THING I EVER HEARD OF... DOIN' A NICE CLEAN JOB AN' THEN SETTING OF THE BURGLAR ALARM ON PURPOSE!



ANYTHING TO OBLIGE SNIFFER! ESPECIALLY SEEIN' AS HOW HE'S GONNA TAKE TH' RAP FOR THIS JOB! AND BOY! HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW COMPLETELY HE'S TAKING TH' RAP... TEN YEARS WORTH! HA-HA-HA! POOR DUMB SNIFFER!

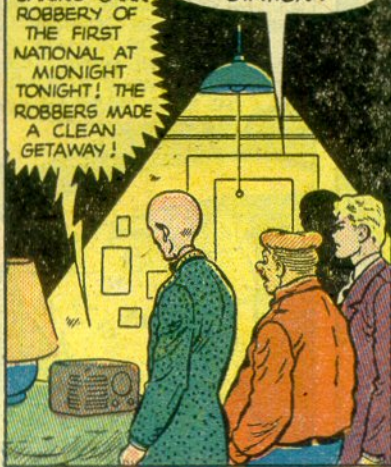


TEN PAST TWELVE! OKAY, LADY KILLER THAT'S ENOUGH! THAT GIVES US A FIFTEEN MINUTE ALIBI! NOW LET'S GET BACK TO MY DUMP! WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL WE'RE SURE KILLER DID THE JOB BEFORE WE CONFESS!



FLASH! THE POLICE REPORT A DARING BANK ROBBERY OF THE FIRST NATIONAL AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT! THE ROBBERS MADE A CLEAN GETAWAY!

THAT'S IT! SKULLY AND LEFTY, LET'S START OVER TO THE POLICE STATION!



NOW REMEMBER, LADY KILLER, GET THAT FILM DEVELOPED AND GUARD IT WITH YOUR LIFE! DON'T LET NOBODY KNOW ABOUT IT UNTIL AFTER THE GAME!

OKAY, SNIFFER!



HIYA, SARGE! ME AN' ME PALS CAME TO GIVE OURSELVES UP! WE'RE TH' GUYS WHO HELD UP TH' FIRST NATIONAL TONIGHT!

WHAT?



WE WANT TO MAKE A DEAL WITH THE D.A.! WE'LL PLEAD GUILTY TO SAVE THE STATE A LOT OF TIME AND TROUBLE- PROVIDING HE AGREES TO SEND US UP TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY!

THIS IS THE CRAZIEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD OF IN MY LIFE! MURRAY, CALL THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY!



QUIT WASTING TIME ASKING US SILLY QUESTIONS, D.A.! WE WON'T TELL YOU WHERE WE HID THE MONEY, BUT WE WILL PLEAD GUILTY AND WAIVE TRIAL IF WE GET SENT TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY!

IF YOU'D RETURN THE MONEY, I'M SURE THE JUDGE MIGHT BE MORE LENIENT! HE MIGHT EVEN SUSPEND SENTENCE!

NAW-WE WANNA BE SENT UP!





NEXT MORNING...

...AND I SENTENCE YOU TO FIFTEEN YEARS IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY!

THANKS, JUDGE!



GOOD OLD STATE PEN! I'LL BET WARDEN BOGGS WILL BE SURPRISED TO SEE ME SO SOON! I AIN'T BEEN OUT A WEEK!



LEFTY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

AW, IT'S A LONG STORY, WARDEN! BUT AIN'T IT A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE WE GOT SENT UP IN TIME FOR THE GAME AGAINST CITY PRISON?



YA SEE, SNIFFER IS THE BEST CATCHER IN THE WORLD AN' SKULLY IS A TERRIFIC FIRST BASEMAN!

HM-M! IT'S ALMOST TOO MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE!



OH, BOY! TODAY'S THE BIG DAY! WILL THEM BUMS FROM CITY PRISON GET A SURPRISE!

IT'S GONNA BE FUN PLAYIN' FOR MY OLD ALMA MATER!



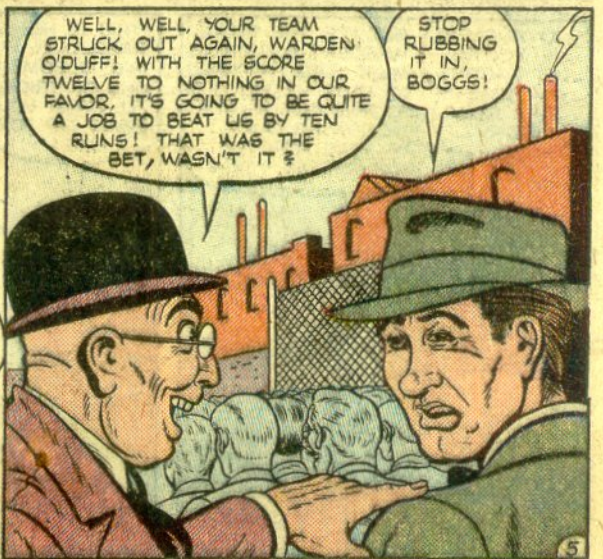
C'MON, SNIFFER, SOCK A HOMER!

YEAH, LET'S GIVE 'EM A SHELLACKIN'!



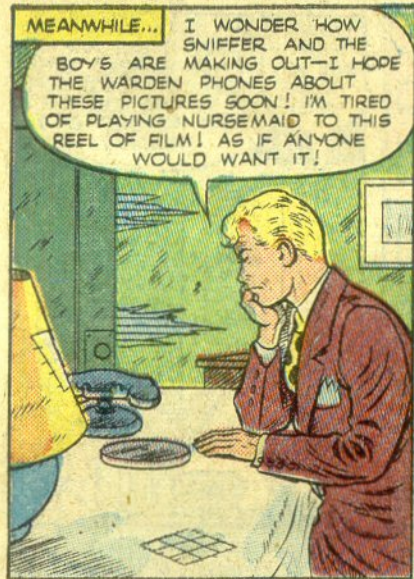
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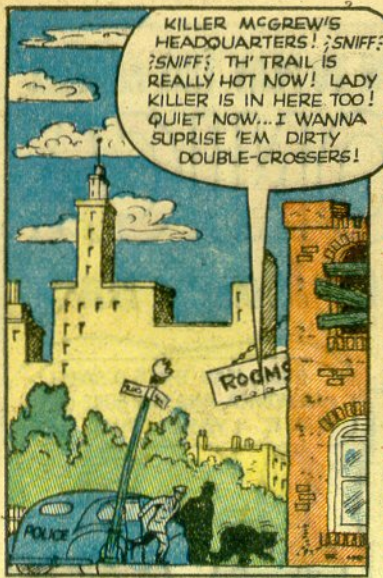
I WISH I COULD GO OVER THE FENCE THAT EASY...I'D KEEP GOING!



WELL, WELL, YOUR TEAM STRUCK OUT AGAIN, WARDEN O'DUFF! WITH THE SCORE TWELVE TO NOTHING IN OUR FAVOR, IT'S GOING TO BE QUITE A JOB TO BEAT US BY TEN RUNS! THAT WAS THE BET, WASN'T IT?

STOP RUBBING IT IN, BOGGS!





KILLER MCGREW'S HEADQUARTERS! ;SNIFF; ;SNIFF; TH' TRAIL IS REALLY HOT NOW! LADY KILLER IS IN HERE TOO! QUIET NOW... I WANNA SUPRISE 'EM DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSERS!



HO-HO-HO! HA-HA-HA! SNIFFER SURE IS A HAM IN FRONT OF A CAMERA!



TOO BAD I HAVE TO BURN THIS FILM BUT WE AIN'T LEAVIN' HIM ANY ALIBI! HE WAS DUMB ENOUGH TO TAKE TH' RAP FOR THAT BANK JOB AN' HE'S GONNA STICK WITH IT FOR FIFTEEN YEARS! WE GOT TH' DOUGH AN' HIS TERRITORY!



SO YOU'D DOUBLE-CROSS A PAL!



WHAM! BANG! SOCK!



THOSE BUMS ARE TH' REAL CROOKS, WARDEN! ;SNIFF; ;SNIFF; TH' BANK DOUGH IS IN THOSE SUITCASES!



REMARKABLE! SIMPLY REMARKABLE!

AN' IF YA STILL DON'T BELIEVE ME, GET A LOAD-OF THAT PICTURE! SEE-IT'S STILL RUNNIN'! SEE TH' TIME-- 12:01!



IS THAT YOUR ALIBI? THEN I HAVE BAD NEWS! THAT PICTURE WOULDN'T PROVE A THING IN COURT! ALL IT SHOWS IS THE HOUR! HOW CAN YOU PROVE IT WAS TAKEN THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT?

WHAT! OH, WAIT TILL SKULLY AN' LEFTY HEAR THIS!



CHEER UP! YOU NEEDN'T WORRY! I OVERHEARD ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU'RE INNOCENT! LUCKY FOR YOU THAT CASEY AND I CAN TESTIFY FOR YOU!

GOSH-- WILL YA DO ME A FAVOR & DON'T TELL SKULLY ABOUT THIS ALIBI BUSINESS! HE'D NEVER LET ME LIVE IT DOWN!

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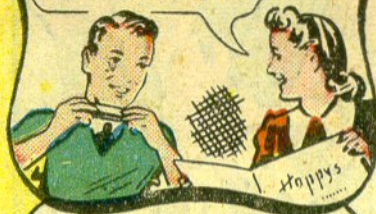
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WILL
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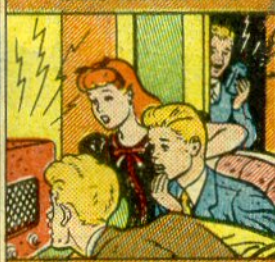
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ALEX!
SOMETHING
SNAPPED! OH,
THE SHACK
IS MOVING!

IN "THE FOUR
LITTLE
BODYGUARDS"

THERE'S
THE SHACK! AND
GOOD HEAVENS!
IT'S TOPPLING
OVER THE CLIFF!
QUICK, WISE
GUYS!

OOOPS!
THE SHACK'S
BEGINNING
TO FALL!

CRACK!

story
by
**CHARLES
BIRO**

THE LITTLE WISE GUYS HAVE BEEN THROUGH HUNDREDS OF ADVENTURES! THEY HAVE UN-HAUNTED HOUSES, FOUND LOST CITIES IN THE DESERT; THEY FLIRTED WITH DANGER MANY TIMES! SOMEHOW THEY WERE ALWAYS ABLE, THROUGH THEIR AGILITY, CLEAR THINKING AND SOMETIMES LUCK, TO COME THROUGH IN ONE PIECE! HOW LONG WILL THEIR GOOD FORTUNE LAST? WILL THE DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT IN THIS STORY THEY ARE ASKED TO FULFILL, BE THEIR LAST?

Charles Biro

GENTLEMEN, AS YOU ALL KNOW, PROFESSOR LIONSTEIN IS THE MOST VALUED SCIENTIST ON THE WHOLE PROJECT HERE AT OAK RIDGE! HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ATOMIC ENERGY IS GREATER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER HUMAN BEING ALIVE!

RECENTLY HE'S BEEN WORKING ON A SPECIALIZED LEVEL OF ATOMIC FISSION THAT HE CLAIMS WILL REVOLUTIONIZE OUR WORLD ECONOMY! HE HAS WORKED WITH SUCH INTENSITY THAT HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN DESPERATELY WORRIED THAT HE MAY SUFFER A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN!

HOWEVER, FORTUNATELY, JUST THIS MORNING HE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS ACHIEVED SUCCESS, AND IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS HE IS COMING HERE IN PERSON TO TELL US OF HIS DISCOVERY!

SPLENDID!

IT WILL BE A NEW STEP IN WORLD HISTORY!



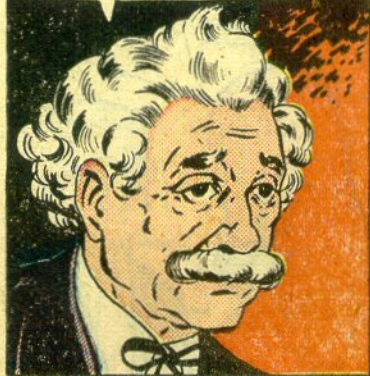
GENTLEMEN! ALFRED LIONSTEIN! A MAN WHO NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION! AND NOW, PROFESSOR LIONSTEIN, WE ARE AWAITING WITH GREATEST EXCITEMENT, TO HEAR DETAILS OF YOUR DISCOVERY!



FELLOW SCIENTISTS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IF I APPEAR EXCITED, IT IS WITH GOOD REASON! WHEN I BEGAN MY RESEARCH IN THIS PARTICULAR FIELD OF ATOMIC FISSION, I, MYSELF, HAD NO REALIZATION OF THE TREMENDOUS POTENTIALITIES OF THE THING WHICH I WAS ABOUT TO DISCOVER!



BRIEFLY, I WAS SEEKING TO ANALYZE THE ATOMIC CONTENT OF A GIVEN OBJECT AND ATTEMPTING TO ARTIFICIALLY RECREATE THE SAME ATOMIC PATTERN SO THAT I MIGHT PRODUCE PRECISELY THE SAME STRUCTURE!



BY A SERIES OF HIGHLY COMPLICATED FORMULAS I FINALLY WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE A COMPLETE ATOMIC ANALYSIS! THEN THE DIFFICULT PHASE BEGAN — THAT OF RECREATING THE ATOMIC STRUCTURE FROM AN ASSORTMENT OF UNATTACHED ATOMIC PARTICLES, OF WHICH THERE ARE BILLIONS OF POSSIBLE COMBINATIONS!



JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO DESPAIR OF EVER SUCCEEDING, I DISCOVERED THE SECRET...THE HIDDEN FORMULA OF FORMULAS...I...I...MARY'S LAMB HAD FLEECE AS WHITE AS SNOW...LOVELY, FLUFFY SNOW...



IT'S HAPPENED! THE THING WE DREADED! LIONSTEIN HAS CRACKED UNDER THE STRAIN OF HIS WORK!

...AND JUST AS HE WAS ON THE VERGE OF REVEALING HIS GREATEST DISCOVERY!

...SHE FOLLOWED THE LAMB TO SCHOOL... NO, NO, THAT'S NOT IT! I WON'T RECITE ANY MORE...



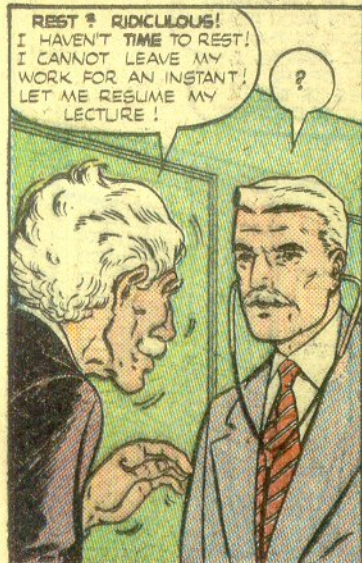
THIS MAY SET US BACK FOR MANY YEARS IN THE FIELD OF ATOMIC FISSION

I'VE CALLED THE PROJECT DOCTOR! HE'S ON HIS WAY NOW!



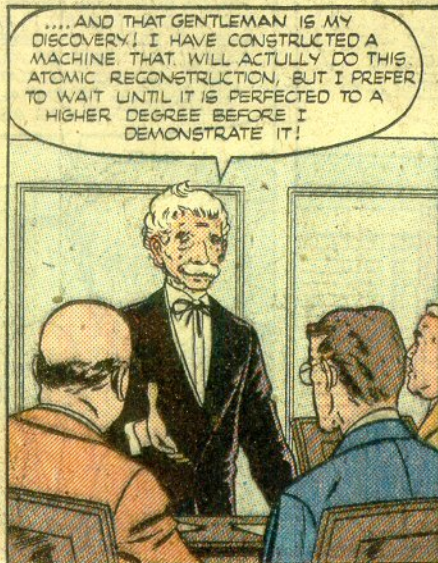
HMM! ON SUCH A SUPERFICIAL EXAMINATION IT'S HARD TO SAY WHETHER HIS CONDITION IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT! I'M INCLINED TO THINK THAT IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY! BUT PROFESSOR LIONSTEIN MUST HAVE IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE REST!



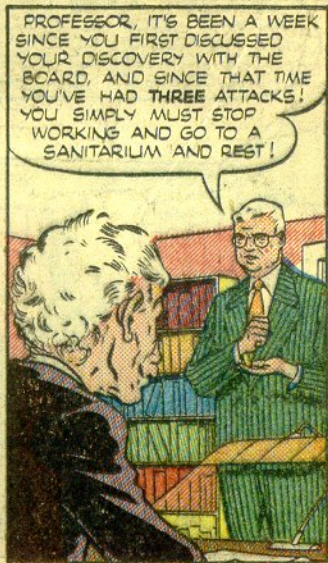


REST? RIDICULOUS!
I HAVEN'T TIME TO REST!
I CANNOT LEAVE MY
WORK FOR AN INSTANT!
LET ME RESUME MY
LECTURE!

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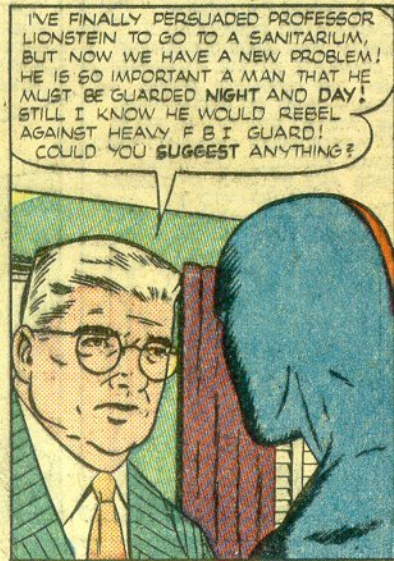
....AND THAT GENTLEMAN IS MY
DISCOVERY! I HAVE CONSTRUCTED A
MACHINE THAT WILL ACTUALLY DO THIS
ATOMIC RECONSTRUCTION, BUT I PREFER
TO WAIT UNTIL IT IS PERFECTED TO A
HIGHER DEGREE BEFORE I
DEMONSTRATE IT!



PROFESSOR, IT'S BEEN A WEEK
SINCE YOU FIRST DISCUSSED
YOUR DISCOVERY WITH THE
BOARD, AND SINCE THAT TIME
YOU'VE HAD THREE ATTACKS!
YOU SIMPLY MUST STOP
WORKING AND GO TO A
SANITARIUM AND REST!



PERHAPS IT IS BEST! I BEGIN
TO FEEL THAT MAYBE IF I DO
NOT—SUDDENLY MY MIND WILL
SNAP—AND ALL THAT I KNOW
WILL BE LOST FOREVER!



I'VE FINALLY PERSUADED PROFESSOR
LIONSTEIN TO GO TO A SANITARIUM,
BUT NOW WE HAVE A NEW PROBLEM!
HE IS SO IMPORTANT A MAN THAT HE
MUST BE GUARDED NIGHT AND DAY!
STILL I KNOW HE WOULD REBEL
AGAINST HEAVY F B I GUARD!
COULD YOU SUGGEST ANYTHING?



HOW WOULD IT BE IF I
GOT ONE OF THE WISE
GUYS TO ACT AS HIS
COMPANION WHILE HE'S
AT THE HOSPITAL? THAT
WAY HE'D HAVE SOMEONE
AS A CONSTANT COMPANION
WITHOUT FEELING IT WAS
AN OFFICIAL GUARD!

SPLENDID!
THE
PERFECT
SOLUTION!



SCARECROW, HOW
WOULD YOU LIKE A JOB
AS ATTENDANT AT
OVERLOOK SANITARIUM?

HUH? ANY
SPECIAL REASON?
ISN'T THAT A
KIND OF A NUT
HOUSE?

NO, OF COURSE
NOT! IT'S A REST
HOME FOR
RUN-DOWN
EXECUTIVES!

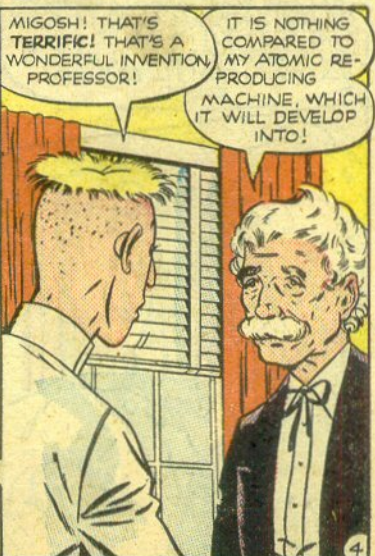
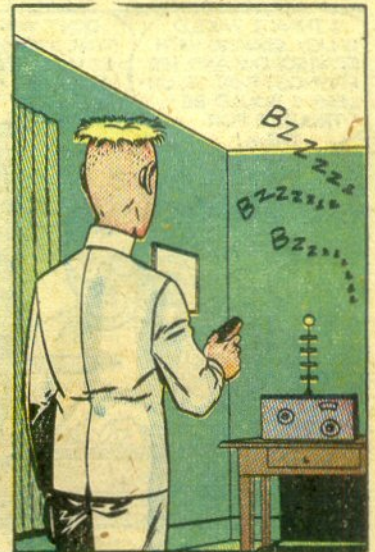
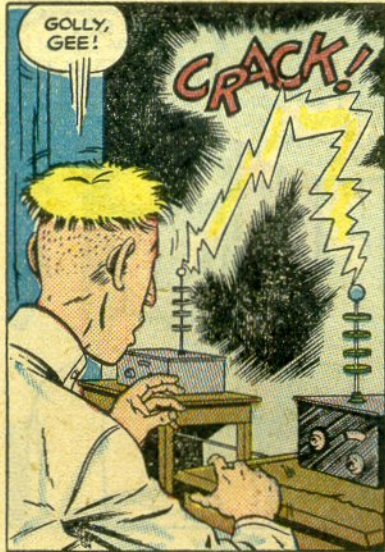
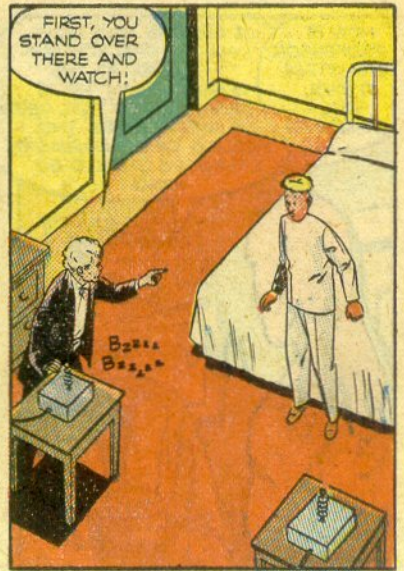
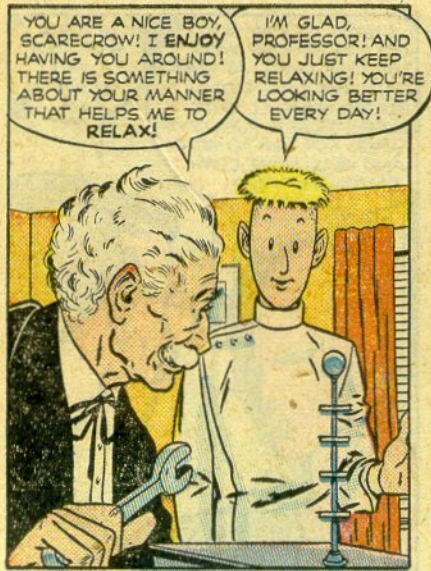


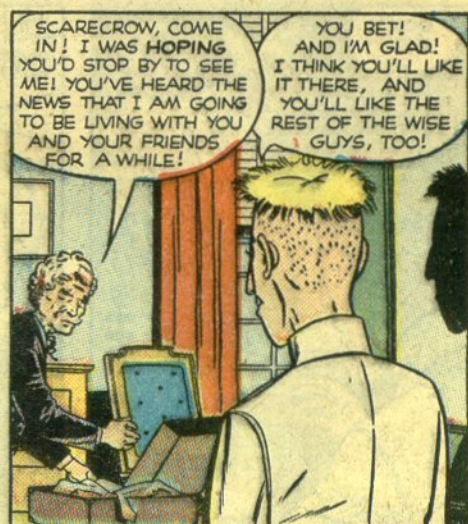
THE GREAT ATOMIC SCIENTIST,
PROFESSOR LIONSTEIN, HAS
BEEN OVER-WORKED AND HE'S
TAKING A VOLUNTARY REST AT
THE SANITARIUM! HE'S SUCH AN
IMPORTANT MAN THAT HE NEEDS
PROTECTION!



YOU WOULD POSE AS AN ATTENDANT
BUT ACTUALLY YOU WOULD BE THERE
TO GUARD, HELP, AND PROTECT
LIONSTEIN! HIS ATTACKS ARE
INFREQUENT AND HE WILL BE PERMITTED
TO WORK ON HIS INVENTIONS PART OF
EACH DAY!

OH, BOY! GOLLY!
I'D LOVE THE JOB!







HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THE HEAD DOCTOR'S WATCH? HE'D SKIN YOU ALIVE IF HE KNEW YOU EVEN TOUCHED IT! THAT'S HIS MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION!

HE'LL NEVER MISS IT! I JUST WANT IT FOR A LITTLE WHILE!



ALL RIGHT, SCARECROW! LOCK THE DOOR! YOU WILL SOON SEE WHAT I PLAN TO DO!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING HAPPENING!

IT IS SOMETHING YOU CANNOT SEE WITH THE NAKED EYE!



LOOK DOWN HERE! WHAT DO YOU SEE?

GOLLY! IT'S A PICTURE OF THE WATCH! AN EXACT, ABSOLUTE DUPLICATE OF IT... WHY IT EVEN LOOKS AS IF YOU CAN SEE THROUGH IT WITH ALL THE WORKS AND EVERYTHING!



THERE! NOW YOU HOLD THE GOOD DOCTOR'S WATCH AND STAND BACK THERE! WHEN I TURN THE MACHINE ON AGAIN YOU KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE SPOT WHERE THE WATCH WAS!

YESSIR!



HOLY SMOKE! I MUST BE SEEING THINGS! THAT JUST CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

IT IS LIKE A MIRACLE, EH?



PROFESSOR, IT'S AN EXACT DUPLICATE! EVEN THE LITTLE SCRATCH ON THE SIDE! EVERYTHING!

THAT IS MY INVENTION! THE ARTIFICIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ATOMIC STRUCTURE OF A SPECIFIC OBJECT!

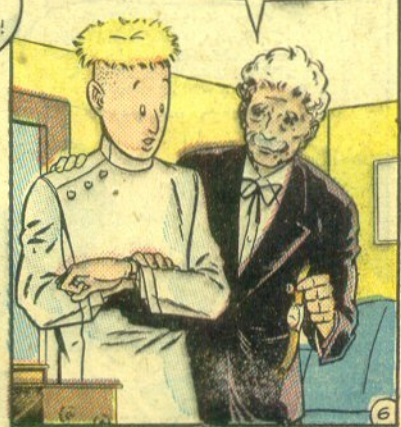


I DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THAT DOUBLE TALK! ALL I KNOW IS THAT THIS IS THE MOST TERRIFIC INVENTION IN THE WHOLE WORLD!

HO! HO! HO! THAT IS, AND YOU ARE THE FIRST PERSON TO SEE IT WORK! NOW, THEN— TAKE THIS WATCH! I MADE IT FOR YOU! LET ME PUT IT ON!

GOLLY!

HURRY NOW, TAKE BACK THE DOCTOR'S WATCH BEFORE HE MISSES IT! AND REMEMBER NEVER TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS! IT'S OUR LITTLE SECRET!





HEY! THAT'S MY WATCH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH IT?

HUH? OH...ER... I JUST BORROWED IT A MINUTE! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TIME IT WAS!



INDEED! I SUPPOSE THAT CLOCK DOWN THERE WASN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO SEE!

I...ER... UH...I NEVER NOTICED THAT CLOCK!



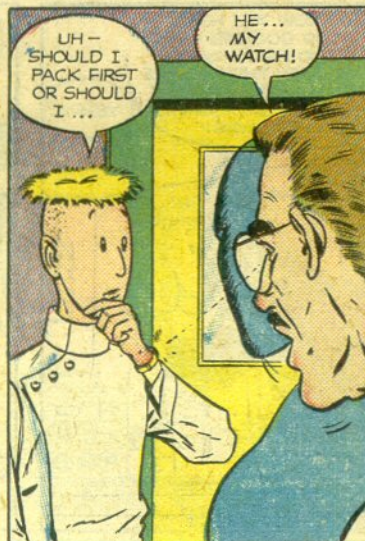
I'D NEVER EXPECT TO FIND THAT A SEEMINGLY NICE BOY LIKE YOU WOULD BE CAPABLE OF STEALING!

STEAL! I WOULDN'T STEAL YOUR WATCH! I DON'T KNOW WHY SCARE-CROW BORROWED YOUR WATCH, BUT I KNOW HE WOULDN'T STEAL ANYTHING!



ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE PROFESSOR TO LEAVE THE SANITARIUM! DO YOU WANT TO GO TELL HIM, SCARECROW?

SURE, D. D.! RIGHT AWAY!



UH— SHOULD I PACK FIRST OR SHOULD I ...

HE ... MY WATCH!



WHY THAT BOY IS NOT ONLY A THIEF, HE'S A PICKPOCKET AS WELL!

HOLD ON! HE'D HAVE TO BE A HOUDINI AS WELL, TO GET IT ON HIS WRIST WITHOUT OUR SEEING IT! CHECK YOUR POCKET FIRST!



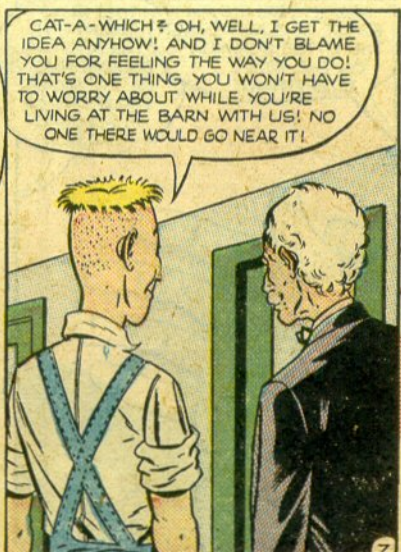
I'LL BE DARNED! I COULD HAVE SWORN THAT WATCH WAS MINE! THIS IS A VERY RARE AND UNUSUAL SWISS WATCH! I ALWAYS BELIEVED IT WAS THE ONLY ONE IN EXISTENCE! WHERE DID YOU GET YOURS?

OH-UH-I INHERITED IT FROM MY GRANDMOTHER! SHE...UH...HER FAMILY WAS SWISS! I GUESS I'D BETTER GO PACK NOW!



ALL SET, PROFESSOR? LET ME CARRY THIS SUITCASE WITH YOUR INVENTION BECAUSE IT'S SO HEAVY!

NO! NO! I TRUST NO ONE WITH THAT BUT MYSELF! UNTIL THE DAY I TURN IT OVER TO OUR GOVERNMENT, I DARE NOT LET ANYONE ELSE TOUCH IT! IF IT EVER FELL INTO THE POSSESSION OF THE WRONG PERSONS, IT WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC!



CAT-A-WHICH? OH, WELL, I GET THE IDEA ANYHOW! AND I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR FEELING THE WAY YOU DO! THAT'S ONE THING YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHILE YOU'RE LIVING AT THE BARN WITH US! NO ONE THERE WOULD GO NEAR IT!



OH, HECK, IF WE SIT BY THE WINDOW YOU STILL COULD SEE THE BARN FROM THERE! BESIDES, THE OLD GUY IS SO EASY TO RECOGNIZE WITH HIS BUSHY WHITE HAIR! WE'D SEE HIM IF HE CAME OUT!



WELL, I GUESS IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT, AND I SURE AM HUNGRY!



IT'S QUEER... I FEEL AS IF I WERE FORGETTING SOMETHING! I FEEL A LITTLE VAGUE!



ONE HAMBURGER WITH ONION!

MAKE MINE WITHOUT!



WOW! WHERE'D YOU EVER GET THAT WATCH, SCARECROW? IT'S A BEAUT!

GEE—TAKE IT OFF SO I CAN GET A CLOSER LOOK!



HEY! WHAT'S THIS? IT SAYS "TO DR. HOWARD HARDING"—SAY! THIS ISN'T YOUR WATCH, SCARECROW! WHAT DID YOU DO—SWIPE IT? I'LL BET YOU DID!

I DID NOT! THE PROFESSOR, MADE IT FOR ME! HE INVENTED AN ATOMIC MACHINE THAT CAN DUPLICATE ANYTHING—ANYTHING IN THE WORLD!



THE PROFESSOR? WHO IS HE?

THE OLD MAN WHO'S STAYING WITH US! RIGHT NOW HE'S KIND OF RESTING FROM A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN! BUT WHEN HE GETS BETTER, HE'S GOING TO GIVE THE MACHINE TO THE GOVERNMENT—AND WHEN HE DOES YOU'LL HEAR PLENTY ABOUT IT! YOU'LL BELIEVE ME THEN!



BOY! CAN YOU EVER THROW IT! THAT MAN PROBABLY DOESN'T KNOW WHAT AN ATOM IS!

DON'T BELIEVE ME! SEE IF I CARE! AND NOW I'D BETTER GO BACK TO THE BARN! HE MAY NEED ME!



PROFESSOR! SCARECROW! WHERE ARE YOU?

THAT'S FUNNY! YOU DON'T THINK THEY'RE PLAYING A JOKE ON US, DO YOU?



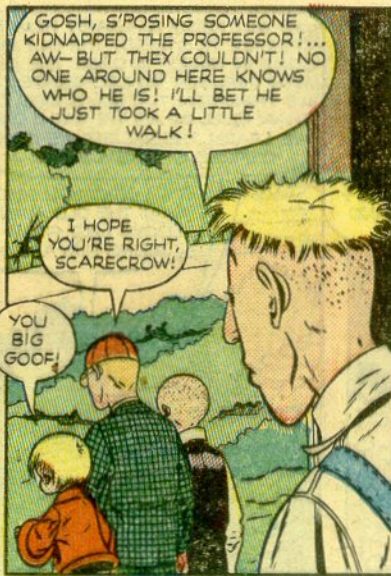
THERE YOU ARE! WHERE'S THE PROFESSOR?

HUH? ISN'T HE HERE?



NO MATTER WHAT THE PROFESSOR SAID, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT HIM! ALL I CAN DO NOW IS GO TELL DARE-DEVIL AND GET HIS HELP! YOU STAY HERE, SCARECROW, IN CASE HE SHOULD COME BACK!

I THINK HE WILL! HE LEFT HIS SUITCASE WITH THE INVENTION! HE'LL NEVER GO FAR WITHOUT THAT!



GOSH, S'POSING SOMEONE KIDNAPPED THE PROFESSOR!... AW-BUT THEY COULDN'T! NO ONE AROUND HERE KNOWS WHO HE IS! I'LL BET HE JUST TOOK A LITTLE WALK!

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, SCARECROW!

YOU BIG GOOF!



WHAT'S THE IDEA? WHY ARE YOU CLOSING UP AT THIS HOUR, ALEX?

YOU SAW THE WATCH THAT KID HAD AND YOU HEARD HIS STORY, MAMIE!



YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT SILLY NONSENSE DID YOU? I MEAN ABOUT THE MACHINES?

MAYBE SO, AND MAYBE NOT! WHETHER HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH OR NOT, IT WAS WORTH A SMALL FORTUNE AND I WANT IT!



THE PHONE!

MAYBE IT'S JOCK! MAYBE THEY'VE FOUND THE PROFESSOR!

RING!
RING!



PROFESSOR! OH, MIGHOSH, AM I GLAD TO HEAR YOUR VOICE! WHERE ARE YOU? HUH? GRAND CENTRAL! ON YOUR WAY BACK TO OAK RIDGE! CAN'T YOU WAIT TO SEE D.D. FIRST? GOSH, YOU SHOULD!



YOU FORGOT THE SUITCASE WITH THE ATOMIC REPRODUCER? UH-HUH, IT'S RIGHT HERE! GOLLY, YOU WANT ME TO DRIVE IT TO YOU! OKAY! OKAY! TRACK !! - I'LL BE THERE IN HALF AN HOUR! OF COURSE I'LL BE CAREFUL! I KNOW HOW VALUABLE IT IS!



HOW COULD THE PROFESSOR HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYTHING SO IMPORTANT! HE SHOULDN'T TRAVEL ALONE! MAYBE WHEN I SEE HIM I CAN MAKE HIM WAIT TO SEE D.D. RIGHT NOW I'D BETTER HUMOR HIM!

YOU HEARD WHAT HE SAID ON THE PHONE! THERE IS A MACHINE, AND IT'S IN THAT SUITCASE!



GET IN BACK THERE WITH HIM! TIE HIS HANDS BEHIND HIM, THEN COVER HIM UP WITH THAT OLD CAR ROBE! IF HE STARTS TO REVIVE, HIT HIM AGAIN! WE'LL HAVE TO STEP ON IT, IF WE WANT TO GET TO GRAND CENTRAL IN HALF AN HOUR!



BUT WHY SHOULD WE BOTHER WITH HIM OR THE OLD MAN? WE'VE GOT THE WATCH AND THE MACHINE!

WE WILL NEED TO LEARN HOW TO OPERATE IT, STUPID! THE BOY MAY COME IN HANDY IN CASE THE OLD MAN REFUSES TO COOPERATE! IF WE THREATEN THE BOY'S LIFE, I THINK HE'LL DO AS WE WISH! ONCE WE LEARN THE SECRET, WE CAN DISPOSE OF THEM BOTH!



IT'S LUCKY YOU KNOW WHAT THE OLD MAN LOOKS LIKE FROM SEEING HIM AROUND!

OH, THERE YOU ARE, PROFESSOR! SCARECROW WONDERED IF YOU'D MIND COMING TO MY CAR TO GET THE SUITCASE! HE FELT A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT LUGGING IT THROUGH THE STATION!

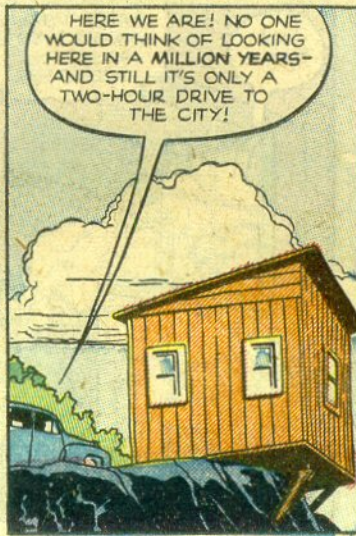


VERY WELL, BUT I MUST HURRY! MY TRAIN LEAVES IN FIFTEEN MINUTES!

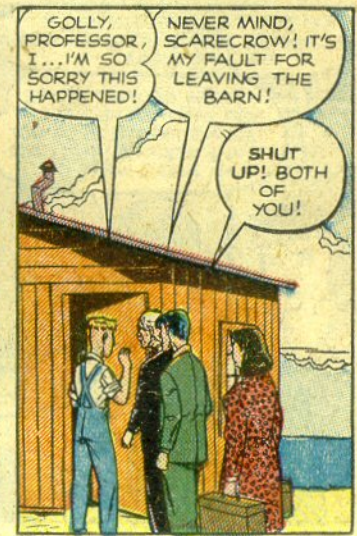


BUT WHERE IS SCARECROW? A GUN!

NEVER MIND! JUST GET IN AND KEEP QUIET IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!



HERE WE ARE! NO ONE WOULD THINK OF LOOKING HERE IN A MILLION YEARS- AND STILL IT'S ONLY A TWO-HOUR DRIVE TO THE CITY!



GOLLY, PROFESSOR, I... I'M SO SORRY THIS HAPPENED!

NEVER MIND, SCARECROW! IT'S MY FAULT FOR LEAVING THE BARN!

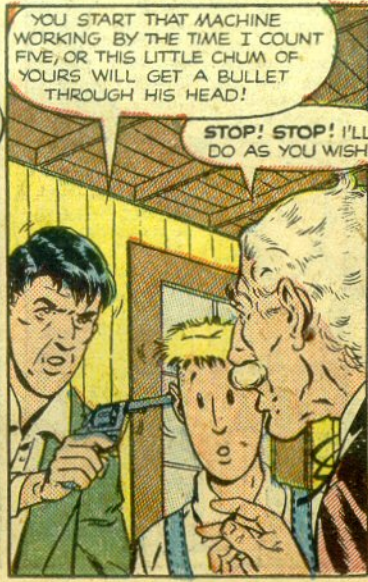
SHUT UP! BOTH OF YOU!



NOW LET US NOT WASTE ANY TIME! OPEN UP THAT MACHINE, PROFESSOR, AND SHOW US HOW IT WORKS!

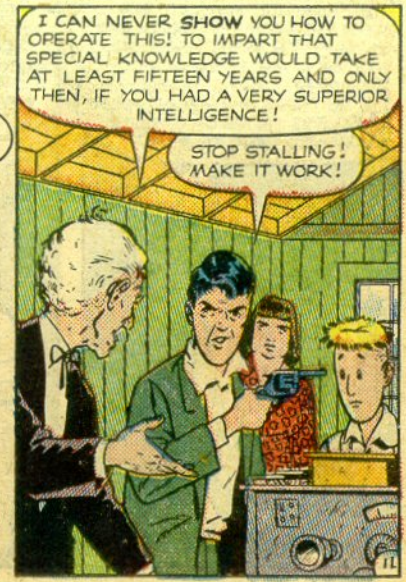
YES! HE CAN MAKE A DUPLICATE OF MY DIAMOND RING!

NEVER! I REFUSE!



YOU START THAT MACHINE WORKING BY THE TIME I COUNT FIVE, OR THIS LITTLE CHUM OF YOURS WILL GET A BULLET THROUGH HIS HEAD!

STOP! STOP! I'LL DO AS YOU WISH!



I CAN NEVER SHOW YOU HOW TO OPERATE THIS! TO IMPART THAT SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE WOULD TAKE AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS AND ONLY THEN, IF YOU HAD A VERY SUPERIOR INTELLIGENCE!

STOP STALLING! MAKE IT WORK!



ALEX! LOOK!
IT DOES WORK!
MAKE MORE OF
THEM! MAKE
HUNDREDS OF
THEM!

WITH THE TWO
I HAVE I CAN
MAKE FOUR—
WITH THE FOUR—
EIGHT, AND SO
ON...8...16...32...
64!



KEEP HIM BUSY
MAKING THEM, ALEX!
I'LL TAKE THESE INTO
TOWN TO SELL!
WE'LL NEED CASH
FOR A
GETAWAY!

NO! WAIT!
CASH!
WHY DIDN'T I
THINK OF THAT
BEFORE! LET HIM
DUPLICATE OUR
MONEY!



HERE! MAKE
ME SOME OF
THESE!

IS IT SAFE
ALEX? $\frac{?}{?}$
COUNTERFEIT
MONEY!



BUT IT'S NOT!
IT'S REAL MONEY!
EXACT COPIES OF
TREASURY NOTES!
GO AHEAD, PROFESSOR,
AND DON'T STOP
TILL YOU'VE MADE
A MILLION
DOLLARS!



I...I...WHAT AM
I DOING HERE?
I SHOULD BE IN
SPELLING CLASS
NOW! THE TEACHER
WILL BE ANGRY IF
I'M LATE!

WHAT KIND
OF CRAZY
TALK IS
THAT? QUIT
STALLING
AND GET
BUSY
BEFORE I...



HE'S HAVING ONE OF HIS ATTACKS! HE'S
NOT FOOLING! I TOLD YOU HE WAS
SICK! HURTING HIM WON'T HELP! HE
COULDN'T OPERATE ANYTHING MORE
COMPLICATED THAN A YO-YO RIGHT
NOW!

DON'T HURT HIM,
ALEX! IT MIGHT MAKE
THE ATTACK LAST
LONGER!



CALL ME WHEN HE SNAPS
OUT OF IT! AND DON'T TRY
ANY FUNNY BUSINESS IF
YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD
FOR YOU! WE'LL BE
RIGHT IN THE FRONT
ROOM!



SHH! I DID A
PRETTY GOOD
JOB OF ACTING!
YES? NOW LET
ME UNTIE YOU!
MAYBE THEN WE
CAN THINK OF
A WAY OUT
OF THIS!

YOU MEAN
YOU WERE
PRETENDING?
YOU EVEN
FOOLED ME!



THERE'S NO WAY OUT
THIS WAY! UNLESS
MAYBE WE HAD A
COUPLE OF
PARACHUTES! OR
ABOUT A HUNDRED
TIMES AS MUCH
ROPE!

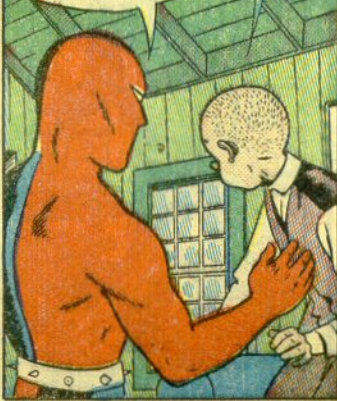
THAT'S IT!
THAT'S THE
ANSWER! WE'LL
USE THAT PIECE
OF ROPE TO
ESCAPE!

I TELL YOU, D.D. I KNOW SOMETHING AWFUL HAS HAPPENED! FIRST, THE PROFESSOR DISAPPEARED—NOW SCARECROW AND THAT SUITCASE WITH THE INVENTION HAS GONE! IF ONLY WE COULD DO SOMETHING!



IT'S BEEN AN HOUR SINCE YOU NOTIFIED ALL THE RADIO STATIONS TO ISSUE A SPECIAL MISSING PERSONS' BULLETIN ON THEM!

TRY TO RELAX, BOYS! A TELEPHONE CALL MAY COME THROUGH ANY MINUTE! WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING TILL WE GET SOME KIND OF A LEAD, SO RELAX!



THERE'S THE PHONE NOW!

YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYONE ANSWERING THE BOY'S DESCRIPTION, BUT YOU'RE PRETTY CERTAIN YOU SAW THE PROFESSOR! WILL YOU GIVE ME ALL THE DETAILS?



SURE! MY WIFE AND I WERE DRIVING ON ROUTE 17 TO PASS THE TIME! WE WERE PLAYING 'HEADSIES'!

EVERY TIME WE'D PASS A CAR, SHE'D GET A NICKEL FOR EACH MAN PASSENGER, AND I'D GET A NICKEL FOR EACH WOMAN! WE WERE PASSING THIS SEDAN AND I CLAIMED THERE WERE TWO WOMEN AND THE MAN DRIVER, BUT MY WIFE SAID 'NO' THE WHITE HAired PERSON WAS A MAN!



I WAS SURE SHE WAS WRONG BUT TO SETTLE THE ARGUMENT, I DELIBERATELY LET THE CAR PASS US, AND SHE WAS RIGHT! I'M CERTAIN IT WAS THE PROFESSOR! THE DESCRIPTION ON THE RADIO MATCHED PERFECTLY AND NOW, ON THINKING BACK, HE DID LOOK AS IF SOMETHING WAS WORRYING HIM!



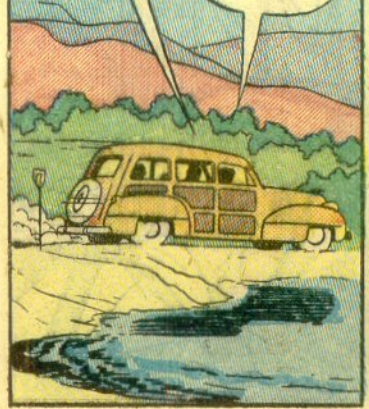
YOU DIDN'T HAPPEN TO NOTICE IF THE CAR TURNED OFF ROUTE 17 ANYWHERE ALONG THE WAY, DID YOU? AND WHAT KIND OF A CAR WAS IT?



A BLUE SEDAN—LATE MODEL! BECAUSE OF THE CONTROVERSY ABOUT HIM, WE PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE CAR! IT TURNED OFF ON AN OLD ABANDONED DIRT ROAD ONE MILE WEST OF HURLEY!

I'VE NOTIFIED THE POLICE TO SEND A SQUAD CAR, BUT WE CAN START LOOKING FOR A BLUE SEDAN!

BUT WHAT ABOUT SCARECROW? IF HE WASN'T IN THE CAR, TOO—THEN WHERE IS HE?



WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH ROPE! THERE'S ABOUT A MILLION FEET HERE! LET'S GIT!



768 FEET, SCARECROW! I CAN SEE YOU'LL NEVER BE A MATHEMATICIAN! ONCE THIS IS DONE, WE'LL LOWER THE MACHINE DOWN FIRST AND WE'LL FOLLOW AFTER!

IT WAS SURE SMART OF YOU TO THINK OF MAKING ALL THIS ROPE OUT OF ONE LITTLE PIECE!



BUT IT WAS SMART OF YOU TO THINK OF KNOTTING EACH NEW PIECE ON RIGHT AWAY SO THAT THE MACHINE COULD DUPLICATE ALL THE KNOTS INSTEAD OF HAVING TO KNOT ALL OF IT, LATER! JUST THINK, ONLY EIGHT HAND-TIED KNOTS!



HURRY, SCARECROW!
I HEAR THEIR FOOTSTEPS!
THEY MAY COME IN TO
SEE HOW I'M FEELING!



THEY'RE GONE,
ALEX! BUT WHERE
TO? LOOK, WHERE
DID THEY GET
THAT ROPE?

GRAB HOLD!
WE'LL HAUL
THEM BACK
UP!



THEY'RE PULLING US BACK
UP! IF WE JUMP, WE'LL GET
KILLED ON THE ROCKS
BELOW!



WHAT
WAS
THAT?

THE
HOUSE IS
TIPPING!

BACK!



THE SHACK! IT'S BEING
PULLED OFF BALANCE! FASTER,
PROFESSOR, FASTER! IF IT
EVER FALLS ON US, IT'S
CURTAINS!



QUICK! L-LET'S GET TO THE OTHER
SIDE! IF WE DON'T SHIFT OUR
WEIGHT THE SHACK WILL FALL!



THERE'S THE
BLUE SEDAN! THEY
MUST HAVE THE
PROFESSOR IN
THAT SHACK!

BUT LOOK AT
THE SHACK!
IT'S BEGINNING
TO TOPPLE OFF
THE CLIFF! QUICK
WISE GUYS, WE
HAVE TO STOP
IT!



LOOK, D.D.! SCARECROW
AND THE PROFESSOR ARE
SLIDING DOWN THAT ROPE!
THEY ONLY NEED A FEW
MORE SECONDS TO
BE SAFE!

GRAB
THE
SHACK!



IT'S NO GOOD,
D.D., IT'S SLIPPING!
WE CAN'T HOLD
IT BACK!

MAYBE WE'VE
HELD IT AT
LEAST LONG
ENOUGH FOR
THE PROFESSOR
AND SCARECROW
TO GET CLEAR!

LOOK
OUT! IT'S
GOING OVER!
JUMP CLEAR!



EEEEEE!

BOY, OH, BOY! ARE WE LUCKY!



SCARECROW! SCARECROW! ARE YOU AND THE PROFESSOR ALL RIGHT?

JUST SOME ROPE BURNS! WE SLID THE LAST TWENTY FEET! HOW DID YOU EVER FIND US?

CRASH!!



THERE'S NO WAY TO RESCUE YOU UNTIL WE GO FOR SOME ROPE! YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT DOWN THERE!

THEY CAN'T, D.D! THE TIDE'S COMING IN! THIS PLACE'LL BE COVERED IN ANOTHER HALF-HOUR!



THEN USE THE ROOF OF THE SHACK FOR A RAFT! TRY TO POLE IT AROUND TO THE JETTY AT THE MOUTH OF THE BAY! WE'LL MEET YOU THERE! WE'LL STAY HERE UNTIL YOU SHOVE OFF!

OKAY D.D! WHAT ABOUT THESE TWO CROOKS?

SEE IF THEY'RE STILL ALIVE AND TAKE 'EM WITH YOU!



THEY'RE STILL UNCONSCIOUS! I GUESS WE HAVE TO LOAD THOSE TWO ABOARD, PROFESSOR! WE CAN'T LEAVE THEM TO DROWN! GOSH, THE TIDE SURE IS COMING IN FAST! LET'S GO BEFORE OUR RAFT GETS SMASHED UP ON THE ROCKS!

NO! DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!



HURRY AND POLE AWAY FROM THESE ROCKS! ONE STRONG WAVE COULD WASH US AGAINST THEM AND CAPSIZE THIS RAFT! EVEN IF WE ESCAPED, MY INVENTION WOULD BE LOST!

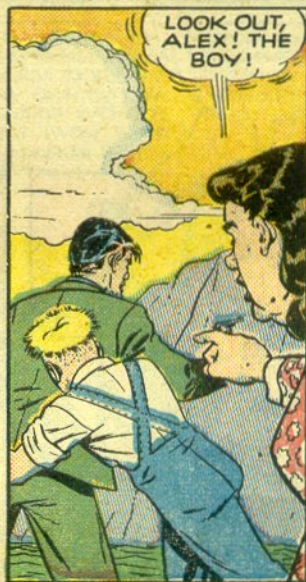


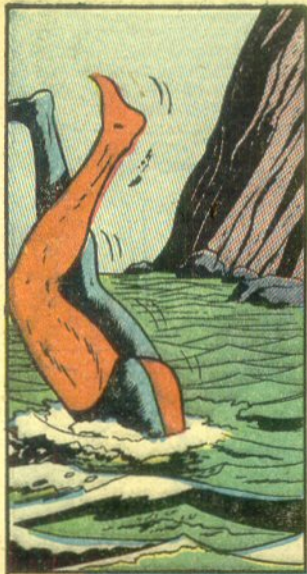
SCARECROW SEEMS TO BE MANAGING ALL RIGHT! WE'D BETTER GET STARTED IF WE WANT TO MEET HIM!

NO! WAIT— OH, GOLLY, THAT GUY SCARECROW CARRIED ABOARD IS SNEAKING UP BEHIND HIM! HEY, SCARECROW! WATCH OUT!



SCARECROW— LOOK OUT!!





WHAT'S COOKING? WHAT'S IN THAT SUITCASE TO CAUSE ALL THIS SUPER SECURITY?

SEARCH ME! ALL I KNOW IS THAT ALL THE TOP BRAINS IN THE COUNTRY ARE WAITING FOR SOME SECRET DEMONSTRATION!

WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS TODAY MARKS A TURNING POINT IN WORLD HISTORY! THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS DISCOVERY ARE SO VAST I CANNOT FULLY GRASP THE ULTIMATE SCOPE OF MY OWN WORK! NOW I WILL DEMONSTRATE!

THIS IS A...AH. WHAT FUNNY SORT OF TOP IS THIS? LOOK AT ALL THESE BUTTONS AND DIALS! I'LL HAVE TO HAVE PAPA SHOW ME HOW TO PLAY WITH IT WHEN HE COMES HOME FROM WORK... TEE HEE!

QUICK! CALL A DOCTOR! CALL OFF THE MEETING! GOSH, D.D.! THIS IS THE WORST ATTACK HE'S HAD YET! HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'LL BE ABLE TO RECOVER THIS TIME!

YOU WERE RIGHT, SCARECROW! THIS WAS HIS LAST ATTACK! THE DOCTORS SAY THEY CAN RESTORE ALL HIS NORMAL MENTAL ABILITY! BUT THAT SECTION OF HIS BRAIN THAT MADE HIM SUCH A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST IS BEYOND REPAIR! HE'LL HAVE MANY HAPPY YEARS AHEAD OF HIM BUT HIS SECRET PROCESS IS LOST FOREVER!

IT SEEMS TERRIBLE NOW, BUT MAYBE IF WE COULD SEE INTO THE FUTURE WE'D DISCOVER THAT IT WAS TOO BIG A SECRET TO TRUST TO ANY ONE PERSON! I GUESS WE'LL NEVER KNOW!

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C. B. GAVE a sigh of relief, locked up the last of the papers in the file, turned out the last light left burning in the office and started to leave. The phone jangled. C.B. glared at it in irritation, then turned back to answer.

"Hello. Oh yes, yes, Mr. Pridderfoot. Yes, I know all about it. Why don't you call me in the morning? District Attorney Loover and I will do everything we can to trace the missing prints." An irate, cackling voice sputtered out of the phone. C.B. nodded wearily. "Yes, Mr. Pridderfoot. I realize how valuable they are, but at eleven o'clock at night, the thief is probably fast asleep—just as you should be and I would like to be! I'll call you first thing in the morning." C.B. slammed down the receiver, once again doused the light and locked the office. As he strode down the hall, he could hear the phone renew its incessant jingle.

Sergeant Cockerill was holding vigil at the main desk, with Squeeks helping him pass the night hours. "C'mon, Squeeks," said C.B., wearily. "Let's get home. I've finished that report for the mayor, Cockerill. Will you ask the secretary to get it to him first thing in the morning?"

"Sure, C.B." Cockerill replied. "By the way, what did that old crackpot want—the one that called you a few minutes ago?"

C.B. smiled grimly. "Boy, am I going to be in hot water over him tomorrow! He's the executor of the Van Arps Estate. You know the Van Arps' mansion has been empty since the old man died six months ago. Somebody evidently broke in and took some 18th century prints. Compared to the other stuff in the house—you know, paintings and antiques and jewelry—they were relatively valueless, but from the way *he* talks, you'd think they were printed on thousand-dollar bills."

"Oh, sure," said Sergeant Cockerill. "I know him. He's the mayor's second cousin."

"No!" C.B. exclaimed. "Yikes! Will that get *me* in trouble! And just when I've been buttering up the mayor for six months to prepare him for that recreation report. Why didn't I keep my trap shut!" He swung the chattering Squeeks to his shoulder and left the open-mouthed policeman without even saying good-night.

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C.B.'s sleep was broken by a steady ring-ring-ring. Sleepily he muttered, "Yes, Mr. Pridderfoot, I know. Six swimming pools have been stolen . . ." Then, jerking into wakefulness, he

reached for his bedside phone. Almost before he picked up the receiver, he knew who it was. The mayor's biting tones came through sharply, so sharply that even Squeeks woke up and flinched at every barking word.

". . . and furthermore, C.B.," rasped the voice in the phone, "Pridderfoot is one of the most respected lawyers in this town. Not only that, he's a strong political factor. You were not only impudent to him last night, you made him so furious he's threatening to withdraw his support in the coming election, in spite of the fact that we're related . . ." And C.B. had to strain to hear the words, ". . . if somewhat reluctantly."

"Gee, I'm sorry, Mayor," C.B. replied, "but the guy's been pestering us ever since he discovered the prints were missing. Things like that are the devil to trace. They have relatively little market value, and anyway, any dealer who'd recognize their worth would immediately report it to us. Nine times out of ten, a man who steals an art object, steals it because he wants to keep it. He's not a crook who wants to resell his loot. It's almost impossible to trace a guy like that. You just have to wait for the breaks . . ."

"Breaks, my eye!" roared the mayor. "If you value your job *and* Loover's and mine—you'll *make* your breaks. You and Loover drop everything else and find those prints. And the next time I see you, I want you to have the thief in hand!"

"But, Mayor . . ." C.B. jiggled the phone, but there was only an empty buzz. "Well, Squeeks, here we go. I hope that report doesn't get to the mayor until after we've found those prints."

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The large, pompously-furnished room that C.B. and Squeeks were ushered into reflected the gloomy taste of the spindly, hunched-over lawyer seated at the massive mahogany desk.

"Good-morning, Mr. Pridderfoot," said C.B., advancing to the desk. "I'm awfully sorry to have been so brusque last night, but I was working out the last details on the recreation report to the mayor, and I was dead tired."

Pridderfoot's voice came out in a complaining grumble. "Recreation! Poppycock—that's all it is. Work's what the good ones need—reform school for the bad ones! But down to business. Frankly, I don't know what a boy like you can do in a serious business like this, but Loover said to turn the case over to you. I can't tell you how impera-

give it is that these prints be found *immediately!*"

"Perhaps you have some suggestions as to who the thief might be," said C.B. calmly. "Do you think it might be an inside job?"

"Most definitely," the lawyer replied. "The Van Arps mansion has been closed for several weeks, pending settlement of the estate. All of his art treasures were stacked in the drawing room awaiting the estimate of the art dealers. Only those who know the collection—the servants and the family—know where various articles were located, and those prints were in one of the back cabinets. Frankly, suspicion points most strongly toward David Paxton, a young protegee of old Mr. Van Arps. I never did trust him. No background, y'know. I'm delighted to say he didn't inherit any of the estate."

"Exactly who *did* inherit it?" C.B. asked.

"Provision was made for several cousins, but the bulk of the estate was left to his half-brother, Mort Harpin, and—ahem—to me in remembrance of services past." The lawyer's pinched face took on an unnatural smile.

C.B. looked thoughtfully at Pridderfoot. "Weren't you and Mr. Harpin partners some years ago?"

"Yes, as a matter of fact," Pridderfoot reluctantly admitted. "He got into a bit of a scrape, however, and it seemed best to—a—sever the connection."

"A scrape to the tune of \$50,000, if I remember rightly," retorted C.B. "Well, let that go for the moment. In the meantime, I think you have the right idea about that inside job. How about a meeting tonight of all the members of the family at the Van Arps mansion? Oh yes, and David Paxton, of course. Will you call them for me?"

"Of course," replied Pridderfoot, "and I'm glad to see you taking the proper respect for my suggestions. Tonight at 8:00."

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The Van Arps drawing room seemed almost forboding in the light of the few flickering candles. A handful of people wandered nervously around, speaking in subdued whispers. One pale young man stood by himself. The atmosphere was tense and still.

C.B. was more than half an hour late in arriving. He gathered the group together in one corner of the room, then asked Mr. Pridderfoot to explain the purpose of the meeting. After the lawyer had finished, the tenseness in the room was almost electric.

"... and I am here," said C.B., rising and coming forward, "to affirm what Mr. Pridderfoot has told and—even further—to tell you that the suspicions he voiced this morning were entirely cor-

rect. His astuteness should be commended." The lawyer beamed and started to speak, but C.B. went on. "I've spent a busy day, one hour of it was in your room, Paxton. Don't roll prints into the blind next time—it's the first place the police will look for a paper object." C.B. reached into a brief case, took out a large envelope and removed the missing prints.

"But I . . . I thought . . . I didn't really mean . . ." protested Paxton, his face expressing mixed fear and anger.

"What you meant was theft, you ingrate," snapped the lawyer, "and you'll be punished to the full extent of the law." He reached for the prints, but C.B. drew them back.

"Just a minute, Pridderfoot," he snapped. "There's more to this story. Paxton *did* steal them—because Van Arps told him to, I expect."

"That's right, I . . ." shouted Paxton.

"He wanted this boy, as the only one who had ever really loved and cared for him, to have the estate. Unfortunately, Pridderfoot, you had him under your thumb because of that 'bit of a scrape' you mentioned. You and Harpin, Van Arps' step-brother, were both involved. You got out clean. Van Arps paid Harpin's way out, but *you* have black-mailed him ever since. It didn't take a day's work to discover that you and Harpin are still partners, and that scrape is still an open case. But back to the estate. You and Harpin made him sign the estate over to you. But Van Arps outwitted you—even on his deathbed. He wrote a later will, hid it between two layers of one of the prints, and told Paxton to look there for it after his death. Unfortunately, the boy didn't have a chance to get hold of them right away, and when he did, he failed to realize that prints are often made on paper that is actually several layers of thin paper stuck together—like this." Deftly C.B. pulled two sheets of tissue apart, revealing the faint scrawl of the second will and testament of the late Jacob Van Arps.

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"I can't tell you what a relief it is to have Pridderfoot behind bars," said the Mayor. "He's been a political thorn in my side ever since I came into office."

C.B. grinned. "I'm sure glad to hear you say that. I thought what with that, and being his cousin . . ."

"Cousin be darned! A headache I'm glad to be rid of," the mayor retorted. "Now about this recreation report. Well, I'm sure you have nothing to worry about. A few words to the City Council, and with Pridderfoot out of the opposition, they'll be delighted to approve!"

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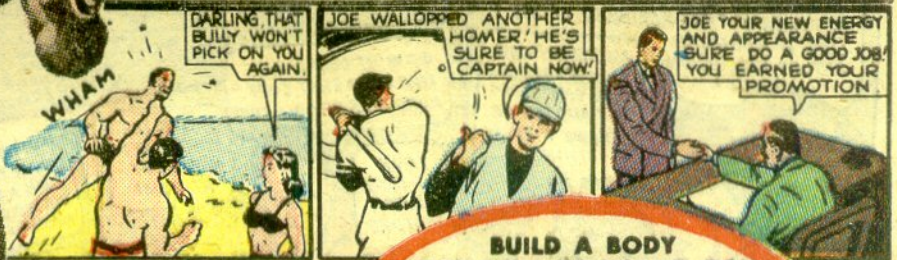


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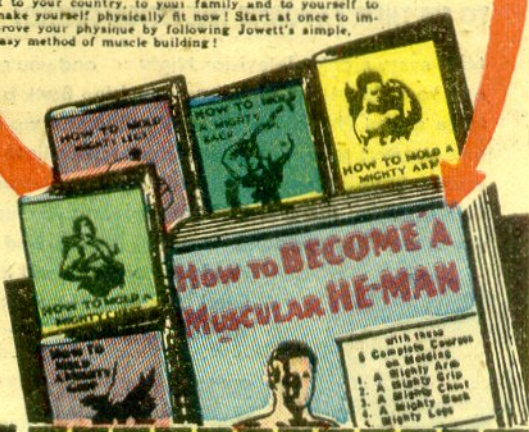
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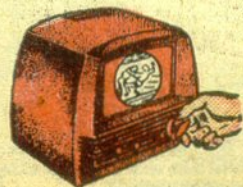
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